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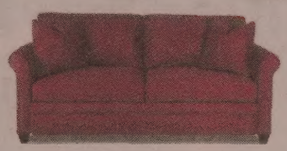

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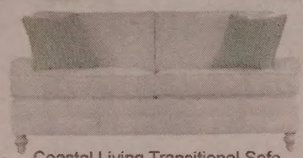

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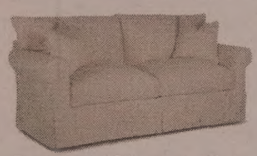

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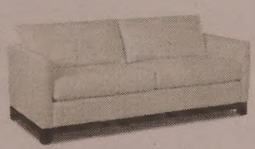

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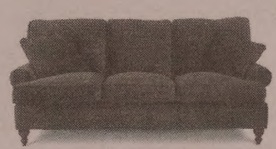

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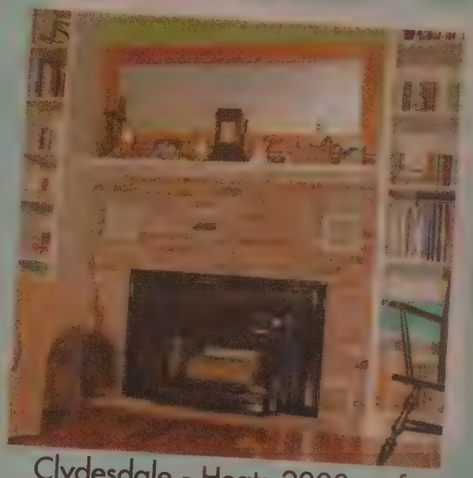

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#7 on the list: 55 Dune Road, sold for $14,250,000

Thank You, No

The Top 10 Mansions of 2010 I Never Bought and Why

By Dan Rattiner

Those who say the real estate market in the Hamptons is down have not lately looked at the purchases made at the top of the market. The number of expensive homes sold soared in 2010. And the prices paid for them were through the roof. Here are the 10 most expensive homes sold this past year, from highest to lowest, together with the reasons why I never bought any of them.

Someone told me that there was a man who lived there that nobody liked who had gone missing six months earlier.

1. 239 Gibson Lane
Sagaponack $43,500,000
Joanne D. Brown sold to Dama LLC

This house, just a short walk to the post office in the most expensive zip code in America, is a beauty. I watched the bidding go up and up and up. It was a real dogfight. So I waited. My plan was to wait until the fight settled down and finally petered out into just one top bid, and then, at the last moment, just as they were preparing to sign the papers, swoop in and top it by an impossible margin.

The thing petered out at a bargain price of $43,500,000. I called my agent, had him come over and gave him my check for $70,000,000 and told him to bring it to the seller. The closing was on a Wednesday at 1 p.m. I sent him over at 11 a.m. But on the way he got knocked off his bicycle by a car and sent to Southampton Hospital. I didn't hear about it until he woke up and called me at 4 p.m. And by then it was too late.

2. 86 Lily Pond Lane
East Hampton $25,500,000
Carol Ann Morgan sold to ELJA LLC

Another beautiful home, right by the ocean. But I'm a man's man. I love football, prize fighting, the World Wrestling Federation and Pit Bulls. I took a pass on this. Not for me to live on the likes of Lily Pond Lane.

3. 2 Tyson Lane
East Hampton $22,875,000
Jack & Jane Rivkin sold to MTSTL LLC

A workman who cleaned the furnace at this house said there was a suspicious new patch on the concrete wall seven feet high and three feet wide bordered very crudely with wet cement. Looked like the sealed up entrance to some other room down there. Scared the hell out of him. He never did clean that furnace. But he did send them a big bill. Not for me.

4. 12 Tyson Lane
East Hampton $19,256,000
Hills LLC sold to Menzel LLC

Just down the street from where the concrete patch was, someone told me that there was a man who lived there nobody liked who had gone missing six months earlier. I've got more important things to do than to get involved in this sort of thing.

5. 229 Quimby Lane
Bridgehampton $16,200,000
Arch W. Cummin sold to 229 Quimby Lane LLC

I've got this 31-foot powerboat with a 700 horsepower Allison engine that cruises at 90 knots. Name? The Avenger. And I don't go anywhere without it. This house is in a secluded location in the most peaceful setting imaginable, a quiet dead end street on the shore of beautiful Sagaponack Pond. Not a good fit.

6. 500 Ox Pasture Road
Southampton $16,000,000
Estate of Howard Gittis sold to Westerly LLC

I put in a bid on this place for $11,000,000. I wasn't crazy about it, but I thought for that it would be a steal. I'd buy it, flip it, and walk away with a cool two mill. But I got run over by a herd of people who wanted to bid it up and up and up. "Walk away," I said to myself.

7. 55 Dune Road
Bridgehampton $14,250,000
Olivers Company 2 LLC sold to Sea Glass Ventures LLC

Where is this place anyway? I thought it was a misprint and it referred to the famous oceanfront road in Westhampton Beach by that name. But when I went to that Dune Road, I found an empty lot at that address. Then I learned there

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Dan Rattiner's second memoir, IN THE HAMPTONS TOO: Further Encounters with Farmers, Fishermen, Artists, Billionaires and Celebrities, is now available in hardcover wherever books are sold. The first memoir, IN THE HAMPTONS, published by Random House, is now available in paperback.

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South O' the Highway (and the North too)

The Romantics, a 2010 comedy about a dysfunctional wedding, written and directed by **Galt Nierderhoffer** and filmed in Southold, has just been released on DVD. Sag Harbor actor **James Schaefer**, who is also an East Hampton lifeguard, plays the father of the bride in the film, and East Hampton's **Candice Bergen**, plays the mother of the bride.

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Dan's Papers Over The Barrel columnist **Lenn Thompson** has once again been named winner at the 2010 North American Wine Bloggers Conference for the Best Single-Subject Wine Blog in the annual 2010 Wine Blog Awards.

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Rabbi Marc Schneier of Westhampton Beach was a keynote speaker in commemoration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day at the 14th Annual Wall Street Project Economic Summit hosted by the **Reverend Jesse Jackson, Sr.**

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Direct from hosting the Red Carpet at the SAG Awards in Los Angeles, **Maria Sansone**, co-host of her own "LX New York" show on WNBC, has signed on as the Honorary Jr. Committee Chairperson for the Southampton Animal Shelter Foundation's Second Unconditional Love benefit. The event is slated for Saturday, July 16 and will be hosted by **Ellen and Chuck Scarborough** in their Southampton home.

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Christie Brinkley will make her Broadway debut in the long running hit musical *Chicago* as morally bankrupt Roxie Hart. Brinkley made her first film appearance in the comedy hit *National Lampoon's Vacation* with fellow Hamptonite **Chevy Chase**. Now entering its 15th year on Broadway, *Chicago* is the sixth longest-running production in Broadway history. Brinkley hits the boards on April 4.

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Stony Brook Southampton instructor **Emma Walton Hamilton** and mom **Julie Andrews** will be honored at the annual Stars of Stony Brook Gala at Chelsea Piers in New York City on April 4. A portion of gala proceeds will benefit the Stony Brook Long Island Children's Hospital.

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Hamptons social queen **Brooke Shields** debuted her long-awaited cabaret act "In My Life" at Feinstein's at Loews Regency last week.

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Guild Hall's Academy of the Arts Lifetime Achievement Awards Honorees are **Dick Cavett** for Performing Arts; **Marshall Brickman** for Literary Arts; **Elizabeth Peyton** for Visual Arts; **Lewis B. Cullman** for Philanthropic Endeavors. The awards ceremony takes place March 7 at Cipriani on 42nd Street.

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Spring 2011 marks the 85th anniversary season of the **Martha Graham Dance Company**.

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really is a Dune Road in Bridgehampton. It is a residential street that runs parallel to the ocean and about 100 yards back from it. It's really narrow with no sidewalks and just about enough space for two cars to pass. I don't know how they got away with building a road like that. Must have tricked the town. Driving along down there, I could not find the house in question on my first pass. Tried coming back the other way, but then got spooked by a big Mayflower Moving Van coming down the road the other way and left. Had to almost drive into the bushes. Not for me.

8. 129 Halsey Neck Lane
Southampton $14,208,000
Anne Eisenhower sold to FKA Claverack LLC

Here was a nice home on a big landscaped piece of property snuggled beautifully into the estate section of Southampton. But it's not on the ocean. You can hear it on a rough day there. I went over and sat on the porch when nobody was home on one of those days, made myself a shot of Johnny Walker Red I found in the liquor cabinet and thought about it, but in the end I thought this just isn't right, for me anyway.

9. 102 Lily Pond Lane
East Hampton $14,000,000
Kathleen M. Doyle Trust sold to 102 Lily Pond LLC

Another of those pussycat Lily Pond Lane properties. Bah.

10. 16 Association Road
Wainscott $13,750,000
Mary & Elliot Ogden sold to Salt Parks LLC

This is a really pretty house down that private road in the Georgica Association. It's just before you get to the double tennis court and the old antique windmill they have just alongside it. The Association conducts interviews with people interested in buying a house there to see who is acceptable for the association and who is not. I went through that interview. Impressed everybody with my powerboat zooming through the cut and into the pond at high tide. Dropped anchor. Waded in. But frankly, I was not impressed with them. I met every one of them, one at a time, and each one of them pleaded with me to join. They're nice people, I guess, but not my kind of people. So I puttered back out real polite and slow. Hate rejecting people like this but sometimes you gotta do what you gotta do.

(*With thanks for this idea to Stacy Dermont, and to Town & Country Realty for the list.*)

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The program includes the first major revival of Hamptons resident **Robert Wilson's** 1995 "Snow on the Mesa." The Company will be performing at the Frederick P. Rose Hall, home of Jazz at Lincoln Center.

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The National Association of the Remodeling Industry (NARI) named **Irwin Contracting Inc.** 2011 Regional Contractor of the Year in the Entire House $500,000-$1,000,000 category of its annual awards competition.

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Internationally renowned yogi **Rodney Yee** led 50 East Enders through body scan meditation at the American Hotel last month. The talk by Yee and wife **Colleen Saidman**, director of Sag Harbor's Yoga Shanti, kicked off The League of Women Voters of the Hamptons' new Hot Topics series.

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On Wednesday, February 2, at the Embassy of Kazakhstan in Washington, D.C., **Rabbi Marc Schneier** of Westhampton Beach delivered the keynote address at the 3rd Annual Interfaith Dinner and Dialogue for U.S. Religious Leaders. The event was hosted by **Ambassador Erlan Idrissov**.

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Countess Lu Ann de Lesseps, Hamptonite and star of "The Real Housewives of New York City," will play "an eccentric art patron who poses semi-nude for a painter" on the February 23 episode of "Law & Order: SVU."

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This Diet Works

How to Lose Weight. And You'll Have Your Vet To Thank

By Dan Rattiner

I think that over the years there have been thousands of diet programs and diet pills in America that have come and gone. One of them, famously for a while, was the Southampton Diet. I interviewed the originator of it when it became famous. I do not recall his name but I do recall he was quite obese. After the diet became famous he got even more obese. Then he just died of obesity. I am not making this up.

Nobody has to approve a diet program. But last week, after approving just about every diet pill ever proposed, the FDA finally began to disapprove of some. The most recent was Contrave, being brought to market and, now, not being brought to market, by Orexigen Therapeutics. Orexigen had not been able to rule out the possibility of heart attacks as a side effect. So bye bye Contrave.

I interject here to note that the words they choose for the pills is always rather romantic and friendly. "Contrave." While the labs that make them always sound very chemical and hi-tech with lots of X's and Y's in them. But that's marketing.

In any case, the marketplace is very hard on the government for beginning to clamp down on diet pills that have no effect. A consultant for drug companies, Morgan Downey, who is in the forefront in the fight against obesity, had this to say. "The F. D. A. has decided that the most significant threat to public health will not be treated by any drug," he wrote in his online Downey Obesity Report. "In the current environment, tap water could not be approved."

Of course, we have the long line of successes by pharmaceutical companies and diet plan people to rein in obesity. It's just that as the years go by, we seem to need a bigger and bigger lasso, because the steers are bigger and bigger.

Personally, I am about to launch my own diet

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SAG HARBOR DEFIANTLY CELEBRATES ITS MISERY

By Dan Rattiner

Last Saturday afternoon on a day of seven-foot snow drifts, a very sloppy rainstorm and temperatures right down about freezing, about 1,000 people turned out on Main Street in Sag Harbor, some with umbrellas and some without, to participate in what is surely the most loony and fun outdoor event of this winter so far.

I refer, of course, to HarborFrost, the big tourist come-as-you-are street fair that is the Ying in the wintertime to the Yang of the great festival of HarborFest in the summertime.

Go, Sag Harbor! Go! Go! Go! Snow, hail, sleet, rain, wind, slush, who cared? Some people actually ran into the harbor that day at 3:40 p.m. in bikinis and speedos. More about that later.

The event started at 3 p.m. where, out on Long Wharf, amidst various tents and booths dripping with rain, vendors lined up to hawk wares to the crowd of tourists, a group dressed in white polar bear Islandic Army jackets and fur hats stood on a platform and gave a narrated demonstration called "Fear No Ice." What they were were these two big guys from Deer Park who, for 30 years, have been carving ice sculptures for weddings and other events in an ice warehouse in that area. In recent years, they dress up in their Icelandic gear and attack huge blocks of ice with propane flame guns, chain saws and drills to demonstrate their craft. On this day, before a big crowd, they turned ice into a giant ice throne with a 10-foot ice fish tail leaping into the sky at the back. When they finished, which took about a half hour while they explained everything over a microphone, everybody wanted to take pictures of their kids sitting in the throne. "Just another minute." "Ow." "Hold still." "Ow."

Three thirty and time for about 25 complete idiots to race across the village beach next to the tourist windmill and leap into the harbor practically naked. The Frosty Plunge, it was called. One guy was dressed as a banana. Others were going to jump in with their husky dogs. Photographers were everywhere. So were the Village Scuba Rescue Team members in rubber outfits.

The rain came down harder. Three thirty came and went and not starting gun was fired. All these people with all this naked skin were getting goosebumps waiting to be told when to do this, but apparently there was nobody there in authority prepared to do so. Several hundred people were on Long Wharf looking down at this scene.

After 10 minutes of this, some older man in a kapok coat walked over to the water's edge.

"Okay, I'll do this," he shouted. He stood facing all the nearly naked people hopping around on one foot prepared to die for Sag Harbor. He raised a finger. "On my mark. I count down from three. THREE, TWO, ONE, ZERO!!!" and off they went making great splashes in the calm and shallow water along that stretch of bay beach. They whooped and hollered. Then they turned around and ran back out where friends

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quickly wrapped them in robes and towels.

The video camera, photographer and radio and television people couldn't get enough of these contestants. They kept grabbing them over to the cameras and microphones. One woman had a WLNG cap on. "So how was it?" she asked a woman, jumping up and down. "Where are you from?"

Then "here comes another one!!" and past her ran another woman in a bikini racing in, diving into the water. Then she leaped up and jumped around and splashed for everybody. Whooo!! she shouted. Then she headed back out.

"Where you from?" the WLNG lady asked the woman she was interviewing again.

"Sag Harbor."

The new lady barged right over, raised both arms and shouted "All the way from Scotland!!" It was that kind of day.

Fireworks were supposed to be shot off from Long Wharf at 5:15 p.m., after another "Fear No Ice" demonstration at the Civil War Monument at the other end of Main Street at 5 and then a bucket brigade of ice–sent hand over hand from the Monument back to Long Wharf by what was supposed to be two mile long lines of tourists to see who could do it faster–was next. But the rain came down still harder and, at just 3:45 p.m. with the Polar Plunge done, I ducked into the Bay Street Theatre to get some hot chocolate and listen to the jazz musicians entertaining the crowds there. Coming back outside, standing on the sidewalk at 3:55 p.m., I suddenly heard off to the west this great cannonade of fireworks being set off to the west of town somewhere–you couldn't see anything there because of the rain and fog–and what I guessed it was was either a Revolutionary War battle reenactment or the fireworks set off ahead of time. They had paid Grucci Fireworks. They were all getting wet. They would set off the Grucci fireworks. Then, I crossed over to the Corner Bar, walked past the ice cream store and up Main Street. It was wall-to-wall bobbing umbrellas on both sides of the street from one end to the other. At Phao restaurant I walked past some of the shivering plunger people– many of them teenagers, enjoying the free soup offered there.

Photos by Dan Rattiner, thanks to Bob Beres

Before, during and after the Polar Plunge

Other events that afternoon included five Main Street restaurants offering free snacks to holders of $40 tickets who would wander in showing their passes. You could make a whole early dinner out of that. There was a Quiz Bowl Challenge at BookHampton on Main Street at 4 p.m., where a team from Pierson High School fought for victory over a team from the Farmer's Market. And then, back at 5:30 p.m., there was supposed to be an outdoor performance by "The Fiery Sensation" dance troupe back at Long Wharf, followed by more fireworks, and at 6:45 p.m., a tour commencing at Prudential Real Estate for an after-sunset Ghost Tour of some of Main Street's historic haunts.

But I never did find out if any of that happened. Soaked to the skin, even in my long johns, sweaters and heavy coat and boots, I hauled myself back to my car and drove home to East Hampton.

Driving down Main Street East Hampton from one end to the other past about 40 storefronts, I saw exactly four people trudging along in the pouring rain. It was too damn wet and cold to do anything outdoors that day.

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Tipsy?

Linda Kabot's Fight to Not Be Convicted of a DWI

By Dan Rattiner

A video made in the Hamptons that I was dying to see was made public this past week. It had been kept secret since it was taped just after midnight on Monday of Labor Day Weekend in 2009. Now it was available on danspapers.com. I waited a year and a half to see this video.

In the early morning hours of September 7, 2009, the sitting Town Supervisor of Southampton, Linda Kabot, was arrested in downtown Westhampton Beach and charged with driving while intoxicated. She had been in a battle with the Southampton Town Police union over pay contracts. She was also running for re-election. Her opponent, a woman named Anna Throne-Holst, had promised to be gentler in the police union negotiations.

When this arrest happened the news of it shot through this community like an electric bolt. The Westhampton Beach Village Police said she had been weaving all over the road. She had failed to stop at a stop sign. That is why they pulled her over. But then she flunked two of the three balance and memory tests they gave her. She then refused to take a Breathalyzer test. So they handcuffed her and took her to the police station. And the whole thing was filmed on a police camera set up on the dashboard of the car, which monitors all police pull-overs. There was a video.

Linda Kabot's version of the story is that there had been a plan by the police to "get her." She said that during her arrest she heard an officer say over a telephone "We got her." This was a police department conspiracy to get her defeated at the polls. She was not drunk. The charges were trumped up. In the election, Throne-Holst, who polls said had a slight lead before this event, trounced her.

These are two diametrically opposite explanations of events involving important matters in this town. As an editor, I knew that no matter how long it might take, I would have to see that video. The video would tell all.

But it was not immediately forthcoming. A few days after the arrest Kabot said she would fight the DWI charge all the way to a trial. And she did. That meant the video would be kept under wraps as evidence. Last Friday, a year and a half later, a jury of six people in a Riverhead courtroom, after seeing the video and listening to various testimony and after the judge declared that the video be released to the media, went off into seclusion to debate the verdict.

You think the Super Bowl is important? You think the Academy Awards are important? Many East Enders wanted to see this video. And now they could. Here is what it shows.

Kabot's car is being followed by a police car. She is not driving fast, but she is not driving quite right. She weaves to the right, near to the curb—there is no car near her and no car

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THE POLICE CHIEF AND THE ROCK FEST

By T.J. Clemente

As the political process plays out about whether or not the proposed two-day concert will take place in Amagansett the weekend of August 13 and 14, one thing is certain—East Hampton Police Chief Edward "Eddie" Ecker will have the town's police ready and able to handle the traffic "safely." The chief, who always gets right to the point, said in a phone conversation, "Can the East Hampton police force handle the would-be traffic safely, absolutely! Will local traffic be severely affected, absolutely!" The chief said he worked all 12 concerts for the Montauk Lighthouse that were held in the 1990s at the Deep Hollow Ranch. "Those concerts had 14,000 to 16,000 people attending and I worked them all at various police levels. There was only one way in and out to the ranch."

The Amagansett concert promoters have submitted plans that propose three entrances and exits. One at Bunker Hill Road, one east of the Shell gas station and one west of the station. The chief said that "the Town of East Hampton Police Department has no responsibility with the parking." The Chief said he was told to be prepared for about "3,000 cars," and the police department will only get them into the parking area safely and out safely.

Chief Ecker said he remembers that the Deep Hollow Ranch Lighthouse concerts were held on Mondays in August and not consecutive weekend days. He believes this fact will add to the acute traffic difficulties this time around.

The concert promoters, Bill Collage and Chris Jones of Sag Harbor, believe the crowd for the event will be around 10,000 per day. Those critical of the concert say that the present plans do not provide sufficient detail on crowd control,

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parked by the curb—then she weaves out toward the center line, a double solid line on one of the two downtown streets in that intersection and crosses over about two feet into the oncoming lane, the car straddling it for about three seconds, then she regains control and steers back into her lane. She arrives at the main intersection, slows, but does not stop at the stop sign. Then, with her blinker on, she turns left onto Main Street. In the darkness there are several jaywalkers crossing that street. She sees them, brakes, waits for them to pass, then proceeds on. Then the officers following her turn on their lights and pull her over and she parks in a diagonal parking space on the right side of the road.

Kabot is initially polite to the officers when they approach her window, one with a flashlight. It is late Saturday night. She is asked for her driver's license and registration.

"Did I do anything wrong, officers?" she asks.

"You were swerving a little," one officer says, "that's why we pulled you over."

She gets out of the car fine, and she walks to the back of her car fine and faces the camera. She looks fine. Physically she is quite in order. But mentally she is not fine. I know this is a judgment call, but then judging people who might or might not be drunk is something the police have to do.

Kabot first expresses amazement that this is happening. "I wouldn't let my mother-in-law, my sister's mother-in-law, drive her two kids to the movies earlier this evening," she says after explaining she had been at a party. "And now you are accusing me of drunk driving?"

"Yes ma'am."

"Amazing," she says.

She then says she had not crossed into the oncoming lane. And she is not drunk. She says this numerous times.

One of the officers begins the "follow the pencil" test to check her eyes. He reads the instructions to her from a card, very slowly, pausing

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plan. We're working on the marketing for it now. It's called "The Dog Diet," and it's been approved by every veterinarian in America.

What happens when you and your overweight Saint Bernard waddle into the vet's office? The vet puts your dog on a scale and makes hmmphing noises to indicate this is not good. He describes all the things that can go wrong with your dog if the pounds don't come off. And then he tells you what to do.

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"Two," you might say.

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So now you give the dog half a can in the morning and half a can at night and he's happy as ever. He runs out of food sooner, but that's okay. After he eats, he comes over wagging his tail and licks you on the face.

A month later you are back at the vet. Your Saint Bernard has lost 15 pounds. Your vet says do it another month and if he's lost 25 pounds we'll go up to one and a half cans a day.

I do have a marketing plan for the Dog Diet. We'll have ads on television and radio and Google and *Dan's Papers*. As for participating restaurants and food stores, we will have big placards that fit in the windows. They will read, "We feature THE DOG DIET. Woof Woof. Cut down by half of everything. We sell it at 50% off. Come in and Get Thin."

That last line I have borrowed from the late Jonnie Cochran, the lawyer for O. J. Simpson, who said, "If the glove don't fit, you can't convict."

The cut-down-by-half Dog Diet will sweep the nation. Everybody will get thin. And when I go on Letterman, the horns will sound a drum roll, I will appear through the curtain and Letterman will come over wagging his behind and kiss me on the face.

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every once in a while to ask if she understands what she is being asked to do. She says "yes," each time, but it seems to be offensive to her that she is being asked to do this.

"This officer here you are training," she asks the officer not holding the card, "has he ever done this before?"

"I am not training him," the officer answers.

"Well he seems to have to read from a card," she concludes.

The police do not respond. They remain polite, calling her "ma'am" and so forth through the entire proceedings. She flunks the test. Two out of the three times she is asked to move only her eyes and not her whole head as she watches the officer's finger move to the side, she moves her head.

She also flunks at least one of the two other tests, because she can't remember which foot to put in front of which other foot and because when she is asked to turn around and walk back the way she came, she does not turn around but just walks backward.

She confesses to having one or maybe two glasses of wine—yes, it was two, she says. Kabot is a small person. Ever see somebody after two glasses of wine? She acts like that. She gesticulates with her arms in that odd way where, for effect, she holds them out and then lets them waver there. She can't hold a conversation because she loses her train of thought. She says things wrong and then starts over.

The police officers, both well over 200 pounds, loom over her. One holds a flashlight on her. She is no more than 110 pounds. This seems wrong, just on the face of it. When she is asked to walk the straight line, she comments that they, the two of them, are in rubber-soled shoes while she is in two-inch heels, so this is not fair, she says.

She's asked if she'd like to remove her heels, and she says "Yes," a small victory. Then she takes them off, offers them up and says, "Would you hold these?" When she gets no reply, she puts them on the ground—too bad for them—and then she walks well, but can't remember how much walking she is supposed to do. She gets it wrong a total of four times, asking again and again for the instructions.

She then asks, without result, I think seven times, if she could use her cellphone to call her husband so he could come get her and take her home. She receives no reply. She says she will leave her car there, if that is all right.

"Why would you want to leave your car here?" one of the officers asks her.

"Because you are accusing me of drunk driving," she says, "when I am not."

Three times she is asked to take a Breathalyzer test and three times she refuses. It seemed to me she refuses as a kind of punishment for the police for what they are doing to her. She doesn't seem to know the ramifications of this, which is an automatic revocation of your driver's licence for six months. The police try to explain it. But she is not listening. She will refuse and that's that. She is not

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parking, safety issues and other logistics like bathrooms.

Chief Ecker, the son of a former East Hampton Town Supervisor, was wise enough to offer no opinion on whether the concert should be held or not. "My job is to be prepared to handle the traffic off-site safely and orderly should it be held. No police officers as of now will be inside the site, but most likely they will be assigned at the three entrances and exits."

The next issue will be a challenge to the validity of the type of permit the town issued. Attorney Jeffrey Bragman of East Hampton is spearheading an effort to challenge the "mass-gathering permit" that the East Hampton Town Board issued. Bragman said that according to the code, "an assembly of more than 50 people for commercial purposes is not entitled to get a permit." Mr. Bragman also pointed out the board's failure to consider the town noise ordinance, which many say would be violated by the event.

Can this event spin out of control and at worst become this generation's Woodstock, with hundreds of thousands of non-ticket holding visitors coming out to see if they can sneak in. One never knows, but if the right bands are booked, the music lovers will come. Tickets or not. If that happens, it is good to remember that what they did at Woodstock was, when the barbarians were at the gates, simply open the doors and invite the overflow in free.

My 80-something-year-old sailing buddy said, "Is the board crazy, what are they thinking?"

I said, "Maybe they enjoy rock concerts."

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FIGHT TO RESTORE CEDAR POINT LIGHTHOUSE

By Sharon McKee

Suffolk County has green-lighted restoration efforts of the Long Island chapter of the U.S. Lighthouse Society to raise funds for the rehabilitation of the now abandoned historic Cedar Island Lighthouse at Cedar Point County Park in East Hampton. The Suffolk County Department of Parks will grant a license to the chapter to oversee the renovation of the long-abandoned structure, which will allow the group to start a major fund-raising effort this spring.

The Committee for the Restoration of the Cedar Island Lighthouse hopes to "Relight the Lighthouse." Phase One will be to move the navigation aid from its present location in an adjacent skeleton tower back into the lighthouse, restore the lantern (the enclosure at the top) to 'relight the lighthouse,' and secure the building with a new roof and trim. Phase Two will be to install new windows and doors and rebuild the interior of the lighthouse, which was destroyed by fire in 1974. The committee hopes to raise $2 million to eventually turn the historic lighthouse into a museum or a bed & breakfast.

The light was originally built in 1839–on a 3-acre island–when Sag Harbor was homeport to 29 whaling ships. By 1868, Sag Harbor was one of the busiest ports on the East Coast and the lighthouse was replaced by its current stone structure. The government decommissioned the light in 1934 and four years later the Hurricane of 1938 created a sandbar connecting Cedar Island to the mainland of East Hampton, which is now known as Cedar Point. Over the next three decades the lighthouse would pass though private hands–including those of Phelan Beale, father of Little Edith Beale of Grey Gardens fame–until it became part of Suffolk County's Cedar Point Park in 1967.

While vandalism and weather have taken their toll on the Cedar Island Lighthouse, its New England granite has stood the test of time. It has been completely sealed up since the fire of 1974, but it stands ready to assume its former glory thanks to a public-private partnership that has finally seen the light.

To learn more about the Cedar Island Lighthouse–or to contribute or volunteer–visit the Committee for the Restoration of the Cedar Island Lighthouse's new website, Cedarislandlighthouse.org. And watch *Dan's Papers* for news of the committee's fundraising plans.

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drunk, she says, so no Breathalyzer.

At this point during this encounter—you don't see this on the tape—a man on a bicycle sees what is going on and stops, a sort of off-camera audience to all of this. And he shouts to her, "Don't blow, don't blow," meaning don't blow into the tube. At the trial, the police acknowledge that this man had said this. They also said that they told him to move on or they would arrest him for interfering with a police action, and so he does. He is never identified.

Then the police just leave her standing there, at the back of her car, facing the front of the police car. She remains there, alone, standing perfectly fine, for six whole minutes. She is very patient. She bides her time.

During this time, you don't hear what the police are doing or saying. Who are they talking to? What are they doing? Eventually, they come back. And then they ask her to turn around and face her car so they can slip the handcuffs on her. They take her away and charge her with driving while intoxicated, and if found guilty, she will receive a $1,000 fine and the possibility of a year in jail. This will affect her for the rest of her life. End of video.

Is there evidence for a conspiracy? None was presented at the trial that suggests there was malice aforethought before the arrest. But after the arrest is a different matter. The election was being hotly contested. And when a misstep like this is made by one candidate, jubilation can reign with the other.

At 1 a.m., after the arrest, the then president of the Patrolmen's Benevolent Association, a retired Southampton police officer named Patrick Aube, sends a text message to Westhampton Beach Police Lieutenant Trevor Gonce. Are you up? Can I call you? The call is made. Linda Kabot has just been arrested. Aube then sends a text to Kabot's opponent

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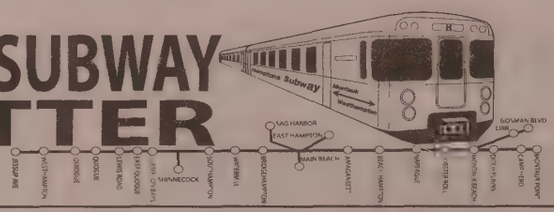

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SUBWAY REOPENS!!!

Last Friday, the subway system, which had been closed for four days because of being inundated with snow, was reopened. As we wrote last week, somebody in the Highway Department had issued an order to throw all the snow from the snowplows down the steps of the subway entrances clogging up not only the stairs but the platforms and for some distance, the tunnels. What we have learned is that this was some practical joke by a middle level official in the Highway Department. Some practical joke. After four days of being clogged with snow, the National Guard was called in to deal with the situation. They used flamethrowers and then, in squads of six, marched forward and down the stairs of each entry melting everything as they went down. Then we re-opened. We're up and running now.

DELAY BETWEEN WATER MILL AND SOUTHAMPTON

On Tuesday afternoon, one of the subway trains hit a big pothole on the tracks somewhere in the tunnel between Water Mill and Southampton that knocked out the lights, both on the train and in the subway tunnel. On the train, panic ensued for a while in the darkness, but the lights went back on when they arrived at Southampton. As for the tunnel, men have been sent in to find the pothole and plug it up but so far they have not found it, because the lights are still out on that part of the track. Trains creep through there now.

MTA AND HAMPTON SUBWAY JOIN HANDS

Just in time for Valentine's Day, the New York Subway System has agreed to become the sister subway system to the Hampton Subway so long, the letter of approval says, that it does not mean they have to do anything.

YARD SALE AT SUBWAY OFFICE

An employee yard sale will take place on the sidewalk in front of the Hampton Subway Headquarters Building on February 14 between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., weather permitting. We are on Ponquogue Avenue, just down from the library in Hampton Bays. All are welcome. Among the items being sold, for cheap, are thousands and thousands of those charming old subway tokens that years ago were used on the system. Straphangers would push them into little slots in the turnstiles and then they could go through. Now we use swipe cards, but it's the same thing.

MISTLETOE

On Valentine's Day, the front of each and every subway train on our system will have a little sprig of mistletoe just above the headlight. Get caught under that and you get a kiss. Another new idea from our new marketing woman, Alice Ginzberg. Good luck lady with your new job.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

This is the third anniversary of the surgery performed on motorman Fred Thimble's hip that worked out so well. Happy Anniversary, Fred.

BEAUTY CONTEST?

Some of our employees are talking about holding an annual beauty contest to select Miss Hampton Subway. It would take place during the month of July when all those beautiful young things from New York City are out here with very few clothes on. The winner would be announced just before the Hampton Classic Horse Show and would get a ticket book allowing her 10 free rides on the New York Subway System, a guest shot on "America's Got Talent," the opportunity to compete as Miss Hampton Subway in Donald Trump's Miss USA Contest, a lunch with Subway Commissioner Bill Aspinall, a solo bareback performance before the Grand Prix at the horseshow and, this is hard to believe, a one-year all-expenses paid

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Who's Here

Judge Edward D. Burke Sr.

By T.J. Clemente

Jovial, enthusiastic and genuine are three words that quickly come to mind when thinking about Southampton Justice Edward D. Burke Sr. Whether you catch a glimpse of the 68-year-old on his Harley-Davidson, out practicing golf, or doing his daily four-mile run from his office on Meeting House Road down Gin Lane to Little Plains Beach and back, what you see is a genuine man in touch with who he is, where he came from, and what he still wants to accomplish.

Born in Brooklyn, raised in Queens, Judge Burke attended Chaminade High School in Mineola, where he played some quality halfback on the football team. Then the future judge went to St. John's University for his undergraduate degree and attended law school there; former Governor Mario Cuomo was one of his law professors. In 1970, after being admitted to the New York State Bar, Judge Burke opened his law firm, Burke and Sullivan in Valley Stream in the town of Hempstead. There he established a fine relationship with future U.S. Senator Alfonse D'Amato. The firm of Burke and Sullivan followed an eastward trend, relocating to Riverhead and then to its present location on Meeting House Lane in the historic area of the Village of Southampton. These days you can find the judge, his son, Edward D. Burke Jr., a renowned local attorney, and his daughter, Denise Burke-O'Brien, a prominent local real estate attorney, all working together in the Southampton office. Judge Burke's youngest son, Joseph Burke, is an Assistant Attorney for the Town of Southampton. Before being admitted to the New York State Bar Association, Judge Burke was a member of Iron Workers Local 40, working with huge steel beams at the former World Trade Center (South Tower) up to the 70th floor. He proudly explained that his uncle, Lyle Griffen, "worked to the late-1970's completion of the project, which was the huge antenna that was mounted atop the World Trade Center." The judge presented a photo of Lyle standing on top of the radio/television tower on the World Trade Center, exposing the Griffen posterior to the city below.

> "I wrote 7,000 decisions, sat 400 juries and 250 verdicts all in about seven and a half years."

Before discussing the importance of his career, the Judge expressed the joys he had owning and operating the Salty Dog Restaurant and Bar (formerly Lenny's Noyac Casino) on Long Beach Road. He said he always thinks back fondly to having his dad, mom and wife, the former Carol Bovino of Brooklyn, and his three children doing everything from dishes, bussing tables, waitressing, mixing drinks, hostessing and so much more for the community at the establishment. "My wife was the glue, an angel, the role model," he said. In fact, Judge Burke still lives a well-struck nine iron away from where the Salty Dog was located (which is now condominiums) as does his mother, the 94-years-young Anna Burke. It was Judge Burke's grandfather, Patrick Burke, a descendent of Michael Burke, the Sag Harbor legend amongst the catholic community (Burke Street) who influenced the Burke family then living in Queens to purchase a small cottage on Noyac Road in 1936. The family has lived on Noyac ever since. Judge Burke proudly tells of how his dad helped establish the Noyac Golf Club in 1960, making it one of the first East End golf clubs to admit members of all faiths. "My Dad was one of 300 founding members who put up $1,000, back then," the Judge said. From 1961 to 1967, he also served in the United States Marine Reserves for six years and reached the rank of Lance Corporal.

To find out more about what makes Judge Ed Burke Sr. tick, I visited him at his Southampton office. With a firm handshake and quick smile, he led me to his conference room, which is decorated with citations, family photos and Irish heritage flags. He said he loves being a judge because he feels a connection "to the town, the hardworking citizens," and he loves working with people "to get it right." First elected a Town of Southampton Judge in the November 1993 election, Judge Burke won re-election in 1995, and 1999. In 2000, then-Governor George Pataki appointed him to the New York State Court of Claims Justice, with Judge Burke assigned to the New York State Supreme Court Bench in Riverhead. The position had a 70-year-old age term limit, so Judge Burke served with distinction until a forth Southampton Town judgeship was created which gave him the possibility of serving as a judge beyond age 70. Therefore, Judge Burke left the state court and ran for election to the Southampton Town Court in November 2007, and won. He now serves with Judge Deborah Kooperstein, Judge Barbara Wilson and Judge Andrea Schiavoni as one of four Southampton Town Justices that handle everything from domestic disputes to big-time felonies and violent crimes. Looking back at his state service, Judge Burke said, "I wrote 7,000 decisions, sat 400 juries and 250 verdicts all in about seven and a half years." When asked what he enjoyed most about that service he surprised me by saying, "Talking to the juries about how important their role is. The power they had, and how to use it properly." Explaining how juries were "common men and women in an uncommon situation," the Judge said he prides himself on his ability "to communicate with juries," leading them to, "make the decisions."

On his hobbies the judge proudly proclaimed the excellence of his short golf game, and said that he is "deadly from 60 yards in." A member of three golf courses, the Southampton Golf Club, Noyac Golf Club and South Fork Golf Club, the judge said his favorite hole is "the very long par 4 on the 18th at Noyac, one that hasn't changed since it was laid out in 1963." On his heritage, he quoted what he believed was W.B. Yeats, who said, "It's a shame being born Irish unless you realize the world is going to break your heart... where the wars are so merry and the songs so sad."

On the way out I asked Lara Marvinney, who works in his office, what it was like working for Judge Burke. "A pleasure," she said, "although it comes with its challenges. There is never a dull moment with him around, but it is his caring and generous nature that makes his employees as loyal and dedicated to him as they are." The twinkle in his eye, the vigor in his actions, and the youth in his age left me believing Judge Ed Burke Sr. will be an important contributing member of the Southampton Community for a long time.

TWENTY SOMETHING

by David Lion Rattiner

I don't know, man, that Super Bowl halftime show just sucked.

I don't really know how else to express how bad the Black Eyed Peas performed. They couldn't sing, they didn't even make attempts at dancing, it was all just kind of embarrassing.

I sort of felt sorry for the people who organized the show. I felt sorry for the Super Bowl. I felt sorry for the guy who shelled out the money to pay the Black Eyed Peas for that joke of a show. Maybe I'm getting older, I don't know, but that was just God-awful. It was sucktaculous. I would have rather watched a group of eighth graders perform scenes from *Annie* for 20 minutes than that nightmare.

What the hell is going on?

Meanwhile, I was just kind of getting over the whole fact that one of the teams in the game has a quarterback that has been accused of rape on three separate occasions and also not only looks like a giant hamburger, but who's last name sounds to me like a failed hamburger launch at McDonald's. "Yeah, let me get a Roethlisberger with a Cherry Coke please."

Quite possibly the best part about the Super Bowl was Christina Aguilera, who can sing like an angel who was the valedictorian at "Heaven's School of Singing Angels," only she failed the one class called "National Anthem 101." Honestly though, it didn't bother me that much that she screwed up the words to the National Anthem, first of all, it reminded me of the movie *The Naked Gun*, and second of all, her amazing voice brought up emotions of pride and country as she sang our nation's anthem, and that's what it is supposed to do. I felt like painting my car red, white and blue after she finished singing. So I'll let it slide for now, at least she represented America proudly and with enthusiasm and with some talent. We all have our faults.

But what the hell happened to Fergie's voice? What the hell happened to will.i.am? He just looked outright crazy. And what is really sad to me is that I am a huge fan of Black Eyed Peas music. The music is fabulous when I listen to it on my iPod or a CD. Live however, is just a nightmare. Whoever decided that none of these people needed auto-tuners during the Super Bowl performance should be fired, and they should have been fired yesterday.

Anyway.

I don't mean to be critical today, it's really not in my nature, but my weekend was filled with one ridiculous embarrassment after another. I saw James Cameron's *Sanctum* on Friday and it wasn't just bad, it was quite possibly the worst movie I have ever seen. Yes, James Cameron, as in *Titanic* James Cameron, as in *Avatar* James Cameron, made the worst movie I have ever seen and it came out last Friday and I even paid the extra five bucks to see it in 3-D.

Sanctum is such a bad movie that I would have rather watched a re-run of "Charles in Charge" in 3-D for the $15 that I paid to watch that movie. It's just awful. What bothers me about it is that James Cameron knows that it's awful. How can he not? Some how his name got put on this movie. I don't believe for a second that he really had anything to do with it. This movie was made because James Cameron's wife's cousin's nephew's brother's former roommate wanted to be a moviemaker and James Cameron decided to throw him a bone and *Sanctum* is what happened. At least this is my guess. *Sanctum* should be renamed *Suck Dumb*.

When they write the history books on James Cameron, they should just leave this movie out all together. Let's just pretend it never happened. He's still my hero I still love his other movies. He made two movies that earned over $1 billion in ticket sales; the man is allowed a pass.

By the way, just to get a little positive as I end this article, we could all learn a thing or two from the people of Sag Harbor who threw an unbelievably wonderful party last Saturday in the face of one of the worst winters that I can remember. There were fireworks, there was music and people came out in droves with smiles on their faces to a well-organized and much needed party for the Hamptons. My hat is off to Sag Harbor.

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HAMPTONS EPICURE

Stacy Dermont

Curd is the Word

Hello fellow foodies, here's a new column for you–The Hamptons Epicure promises to introduce you to the foods and the people behind the foods who make the East End such a great place to eat and entertain.

And now…introducing…a new product to the Hamptons: Cheese Curd!

Cheese curd, a natural byproduct of cheddar cheese making, has been around almost since people started keeping cows. I grew up on the stuff upstate but can't find a speck of it in the Hamptons. These clumps of casein and other yummy milk components are high calorie, down market, good eats.

Noyac artist and artisan bread baker Amelia Hundt grew up near Albany, so she shares my fondness for the creamy curds. She's just started "importing" upstate's famous Cuba Cheese Factory Cheese Curd and will be offering it for sale at the Sag Harbor Indoor Farmers Market on Saturday, February 19. She promises free samples and free recipes for poutine.

Have you had the distinct pleasure of poutine?

It's a legendary comfort food passed down to us from the hearty citizens of Quebec…it made a splash in New York hipster pubs last year.

The best recipes are descriptions:

Picture a plate of piping hot French fries drizzled with beef gravy.

Throw on a handful of fresh cheese curd and warm in the oven for five minutes. That's poutine. Ooh la la!

I am a member of a family of "good eaters" but our poutine routine is a monthly feast–any more than that we figure could be immobilizing.

Note: It's "cheese curd" and it's no crime to be a city slicker. Some of my best friends, well, some good friends of mine, are slickers. But if you don't want to be read as a slicker at your local farmers market say it like it is: "cheese curd" not "curd cheese" and not "cheese curds." In this case "curd" is plural like "deer" can be plural for a whole herd.

Curd is the word.

On another dairy note, I got the best news I've had all year over a cup of tea last Sunday. You know how small talk typically revolves around trivia or National Public Radio? I don't know how I missed this tidbit but A Guy at Church, Don Ferriss, told me that I should be using cream in my tea instead of skim milk. He explained that because milk contains so much lactose, a sugar, cream is ultimately a better choice.

His son is Tim Ferriss, author of the current best seller *The 4-Hour Body*. 'Good enough for me!

Subway (continued from page 24)

free pass on the Hampton Subway.

COMMISSIONER ASPINALL'S MESSAGE

I am not sure that the proposed beauty contest for Miss Hampton Subway is a good idea. Why not have a Mr. Hampton Subway and a Mr. and Mrs. Hampton Subway too? Maybe we could have a Mr. Hampton Subway Cat Contest, which my wife is suggesting. Has anybody run this by the environmentalists? The Tea Party people? Could we get sued? Don't they have to be over a certain age?

On another matter, the staff here at Hampton Subway is taking up a collection to get our Chief Subway Dispatcher Ted McPherson out on bail. He is awaiting trial on charges of climbing up through a floor grating in a girl's locker room in Bay Shore High School three weeks ago, all covered with mud, having gotten lost down tunnels nobody knew about while trying to drive a subway train from Westhampton to New York. It's a long story. And we need him back here. Is there a lawyer out there who would like to offer his or her services?

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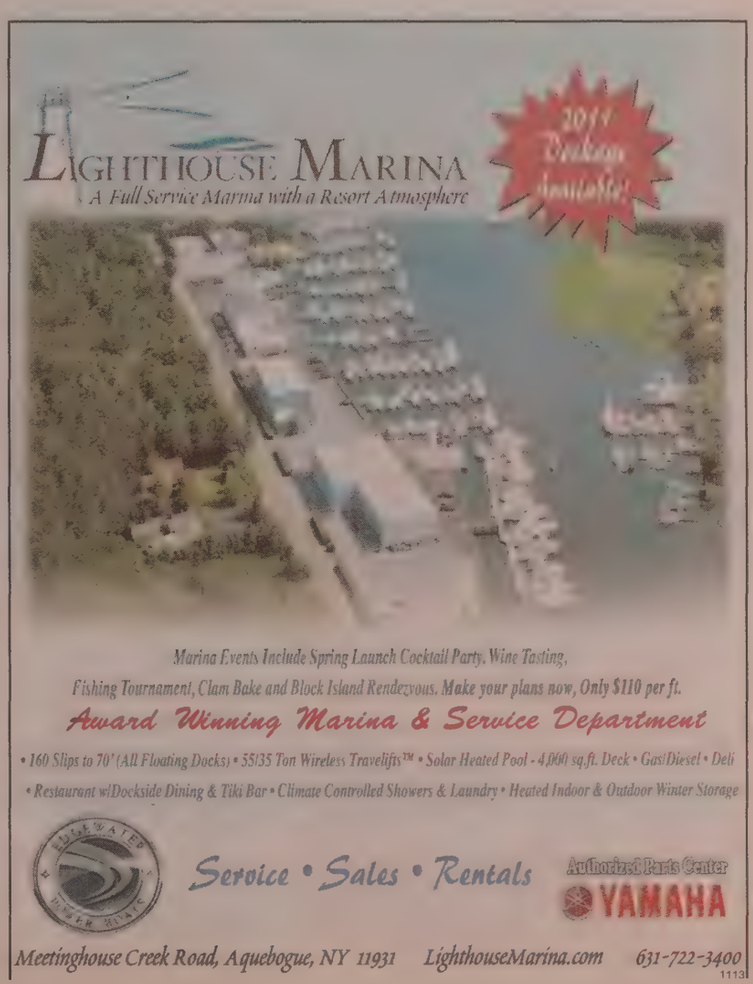
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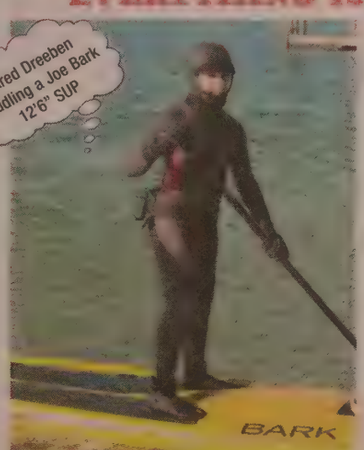

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Anna Throne-Holst. Are you up? Can I call you? He talks to her for 12 minutes, he says. He testifies under oath to all of this at the trial.

Clearly these are happy phone calls. Maybe they do not prove a conspiracy. But they sure show joy at the Town Supervisor's predicament after her arrest.

"Are you part of a conspiracy?" Kabot's lawyer asks Aube at the end of his examination.

"No," he says.

* * *

I watched this video and wrote the above in the interval between the release of the tape on Wednesday and the jury's verdict on Friday at 3 p.m. I wanted to get down my thoughts before the verdict. Surely Kabot should not have been driving that car. And I thought the jury would surely convict her. But then, I wrote what I thought I would do if I were on the jury. It was a contrary position to what I had seen in the video. Here is what I wrote.

"If I was on that jury," I wrote, "I would vote to dismiss the charge of DWI. She was only slightly impaired from what I could see. Maybe she could be convicted of DUI, which is driving under the influence, a lesser offense. It would draw a fine. It would not include the possibility of jail time. That would be that. I forgive her for refusing the Breathalyzer test. I think she refused for the wrong reasons. I think if she had taken it she would have been only right at the mark, maybe a little above, maybe a little below. Two drinks or even a little more will do that to a person, particularly a small person.

"Not guilty," I concluded. "Let her go on her way."

The jury was out for 90 minutes. Ten minutes before they brought back their verdict, they asked the judge to give them the legal definition of the DWI charge. Seems they were considering the option of a slap-on-the-wrist fine. But that is not what they did.

They came back into the courtroom with the verdict. They found her guilty of failing to stop at a stop sign. There would be a $200 fine for that. As for the rest, they found her Not Guilty.

Kabot burst into tears at the announcement. So did her attorney, Bill Keahon. It was over.

* * *

Questions remain. Will Kabot now sue for defamation? Will she run again for public office? And what about Throne-Holst? After the arrest, she admitted to the press that indeed she had been called late at night by someone sharing the news. Had it been a police officer? she was asked. No it was not, she said. And technically that was true. He was a retired police officer, now the head of the PBA. The sort of answer Bill Clinton gave when he was asked if he'd had sex with that woman.

Will Kabot now throw her hat in the ring?

To be continued.

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Blaise Puzio

Blaise Puzio, longtime Sag Harbor resident, passed away on January 21 at Avow Hospice in Naples, Florida. He was diagnosed one month earlier with Stage 4 lung cancer. He spent his last weeks at his sister Linda's home in Naples, Florida.

Blaise was born July 21, 1938, in New York City. He attended Industrial Arts High School in Manhattan and was graduated from Roosevelt High School in Yonkers, N.Y. He owned and operated a fine clothing establishment in Lawrenceville, N.J., for many years. After moving to the East End in the early 1980s, he opened Blaise's Hair Cutting Studio in Bridgehampton and retired in 2007. He enjoyed gardening, cooking, painting and his legion of best friends.

Blaise is survived by his sister and brother-in-law, Linda and Robert Morris of Sag Harbor and Naples, his brother, Michael Puzio of Sag Harbor and Old Tappan, N.J., nieces Patricia Squires of Stamford, Connecticut; Michele Desai of Greenwich, Connecticut and Sag Harbor and Elizabeth Morris of New York City.

A memorial is planned for mid-summer in Sag Harbor. Blaise will be missed by all who knew and loved him for his insightful nature and fun loving spirit.

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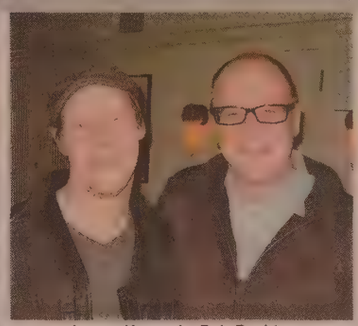

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NORTH FORK

OVER THE BARREL

by Lenn Thompson

Jazz on the Vine is Back — But a Little Bit Different

The enormously popular and well-attended Long Island Winterfest Jazz on the Vine program is coming back to the North Fork starting this weekend, and this year, much like last year's successful program, it runs for six full weeks.

The 4th annual Long Island Winterfest runs from February 12 to March 20 across the East End and features renowned jazz musicians performing concerts at winery tasting rooms and other venues every weekend afternoon. The program is again organized by the Long Island Wine Council, East End Arts Council, Suffolk County Department of Economic Development and Workforce Housing and Long Island Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Wine country can be quiet and dreary this time of year – both for visitors and for the wineries themselves – so this is a great reason to visit. Enjoy some music. Taste some great local wines. And get in from the cold winter weather. For a full concert schedule and access to all festival promotions, visit liwinterfest.com.

But this year the programming is a bit different in one important way – the concerts aren't free. This year there will be a $10 admission fee which includes a glass of wine.

According to organizers, the lack of state funding is to blame, so they are charging a modest fee to help pay for the acts and to raise money for future promotional activities during 2011. The $10 fee will be split 50-50 by the participating wineries – a smaller group than in previous years – and the Long Island Wine Council.

It remains to be seen just what impact the new ticket price will have on attendance.

On one hand, $10 for two hours of music – including some truly world-class acts such as Dave Liebman (Saturday at Rapahel at 4:30 p.m.) and Ray Anderson (March 6 at Sherwood House Vineyards at 2 p.m.) – and a glass of wine is a great deal, especially if wineries don't skimp on the wine choices. But on the other hand, these concerts have been free the last three years and there's little doubt that some customers will expect them to be this year. In addition, there seems to be less promotion of the 2011 program, and what promotion there has been isn't focusing on the new fee. Clearly many LIWC members are taking a wait-and-see approach this year – only 16 of the group's 40+ members are hosting concerts.

What shouldn't be lost in the discussion of fees and where the money goes is that the value of this program goes beyond mere dollars and cents. In a world where music and music education are too often marginalized, programs like this one – which put the joy and beauty of music front and center – are important on a whole other level.

THE SHELTERED ISLANDER

by Sally Flynn

Something From the 'J' Store

Louise: "I think, for once, I'm going to get what I actually want this Valentine's Day."

Rachel: "What did you ask for?"

Louise: "I've been hinting for a month now, every time the Jared commercial comes on, I tell him how much I'd love one of those charm bracelets. I told him, "Make sure you shop at a store that starts with a 'J' this year...." I practically wrote it in magic marker on his private parts, so he'd see it every day."

Rachel: "I'm pullin' for you. You might be better off to drive him to the store yourself and send him inside with a note pinned to his shirt."

Louise: "Nah, he can't blow it this year."

Valentine's Day

Pete: "Louise, I know you think I'm a dimwit sometimes when it comes to you and your needs. Anyway, I got your hints loud and clear and I have gifts from the 'J' store. Put on your fancy duds, we're going out to dinner, and we're going off-Island."

One hour later…

Louise: "Pete, I'm not sure if eating at the Mexican restaurant that you can see when you get off the North Ferry counts as 'off-Island.'"

Pete: "Nope, nothing's too good for you tonight. Why don't you open your present now?"

Louise: "Gee, the box is much bigger than I thought. Such pretty paper though."

Pete: "Here, hand me the paper. Ahhhh, speechless, eh? I told you I went to the 'J' store, and you thought I didn't listen..."

Louise: "Jerry's Sporting Goods, the box says, Jerry's Sporting Goods..."

Pete: "Well, don't get all choked up yet, go on, open it up."

Louise: "A fishing rod...."

Pete: "A PINK fishing rod, special order, cost extra. I was thinking of how you complain that all you get to do on the boat is cut bait, well, now you can fish with me. I figure you can cut the bait at home the night before. We'll be side by side, wishin' and fishin'. Makes me smile all over. And there's another gift under that—something you'll love."

Louise: "And a Jets nightgown..."

Pete: "I remember how you said you hate those black and red lacy things I usually get? So this year, when I look at you tonight, I'll see two things I love. Oh, honey, don't cry. Oh, you're such a sentimental girl. I bet you never expected this!"

Louise: "No, that's true, I didn't see this coming."

The Day After

Rachel: "Did you get the charm bracelet?"

Louise: "I got a pink fishing rod and a Jets nightgown from Jerry's Sporting Goods..."

Rachel: "Do you want to kill him?"

Louise: "I'll wait until spring. I can till a nice spot in the garden to bury him in."

North Fork Events

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UP AND COMING

LIVE AT THE INDIGO – Six Saturdays of jazz at the Hotel Indigo East End's Bistro 72, 1830 W. Main St., Riverhead. Partnering with Long Island Winterfest Jazz on the Vine 2/12-3/20. Lead by bassist/composer Steve Watson and his trio, the series features each week's headliners in concerts at participating vineyards. 7-10 p.m., $20 includes 2 drinks at Bistro 72. Indigoeastend.com, 631-369-2200. Ask about dinner and hotel packages.

VALENTINE'S WEEKEND

VALENTINE'S WINE & CHOCOLATES – Saturday and Sunday chocolate pairing flights at Martha Clara Vineyards. Martha Clara Vineyards, 6025 Sound Ave., Riverhead. 631-298-0075. marthaclaravineyards.com. Wines paired with gourmet truffles from J Emanuel Chocolatier. Includes Brut Rose and 3 wines, $12 per flight +tax.

SPARKLING WINE & CHOCOLATE PAIRING – 11 a.m.-6 p.m., 2/11-2/14. Live jazz Saturday and Sunday. Sparkling Pointe Winery, 39750 County Road 48, Southold. Includes tastings of all 4 Sparkling Pointe sparkling wines paired with personalized chocolate bars. Keep the glass flute! 631-765-0200. sparklingpointe.com. $25 per flight.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11

WINTERFEST WARM-UP – 7 p.m., Jazz by the King Scallop Ensemble, Hilton Garden Inn, 2038 Old Country Rd, Riverhead. 631-727-2733.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12

COOKING DEMO – Noon at Martha Clara Vineyards. Cooking Demo with Chef Troy and Mumtaz. Martha Clara Vineyards, 6025 Sound Ave., Riverhead. 631-298-0075. marthaclaravineyards.com. Free.

JAZZ ON THE VINE DISCUSSION – 1 p.m., Brecknock Hall, Brecknock Rd., Greenport. Inside the "Out" Side of Jazz, with David Leibman and Lewis Porter. Moderated by Ray Anderson. Free.

LIVE MUSIC – 1:30-4:30 p.m., Second Chance. Martha Clara Vineyards. 6025 Sound Ave., Riverhead. 631-298-0075. marthaclaravineyrds.com. Free.

LIVE LOVE SONGS AND JAZZ – 1-5 p.m., Nancy Piscatello. Sparkling Pointe Winery, 39750 County Road 48, Southold. 631-765-0200. sparklingpointe.com. Free.

HANDPAINTED SILK SCARVES – 2-3:00 p.m. Create a scarf with watercolors. Cutchogue-New Suffolk Library, 27550 Main Rd., Cutchogue. Registration required. 631-734-6360. cutchoguelibrary.org. Material fee $5.

WINE TASTING – 2:30 - 4:30 p.m., Wine Explorer Series: Rhone. Lenz Winery, 38355 New York 25, Peconic. 90-minute round table features a blind tasting, 3 flights. $50; Lenz Subscribers $25. 631-734-6010 or . Ask about discount for entire series.

LIVE JAZZ – 4:30 p.m., Lobenstein/Solerno. Sherwood House Vineyards, 1291 Main Rd., Jamesport. 631-779-2817. sherwoodhousevineyards.com.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13

LIVE JAZZ GUITAR – 1:30-4:30 p.m., Glenn Roth. Sparkling Pointe Winery, 39750 County Road 48, Southold. 631-765-0200. sparklingpointe.com. Free.

LIVE JAZZ & BLUES – 1-5 p.m., Nautique Jazz & Blues Festival presents Matt Marshak, Peconic Bay Winery. Cutchogue. 631-734-7361. peconicbaywinery.com. Free.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14

MORNING DANCE AEROBICS - 9-10 a.m., Mattituck-Laurel Library, 13900 Main Rd., Mattituck, 631-298-4134. Bring a mat, 3-5 lb. dumbells and water to class.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

DRIVE-BY BIRDING – 8 a.m., North Fork Audubon Society's Tuesdays with Tom program. Meet at the Mattituck Shopping Center, Route 25, Mattituck. Drive to East End hotspots looking for wintering species of birds. Please call Tom at 631 275-3202. Free.

LifeStyle

SHOP 'TIL YOU DROP

with Maria Tennariello

For starters, I want to wish everyone a very sweet Valentine's Day. This is the time to enjoy and be kind to each other. Enjoy this loving day together with your partner, friends and family.

For a little bit of everything, and lots of goodies for Valentine's Day, stop in at **Eastport's Little Secret**, 519 Montauk Highway, for just that! There are Meri Meri cards, Soybean candles, bath and body products, the Sea Shore Collection, baby gifts and toys, Chamilia, sterling silver jewelry, costume jewelry, wedding items – and my fave Vera Bradley purses and totes and more. Call 631-801-2806 for hours.

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At **B-East**, 199 Main Street, Amagansett, through February 15, if you by a 25 pack of spin/mat classes, you get three free classes. Good idea to start spinning...not only will these classes help you tighten your abs and booty, they'll help tone and sculpt your entire body while getting stronger and more fit. Visit eastfit.com for information on all the specials and contests currently in progress.

There are many specials for Valentine's Day pampering for you and your sweetheart at **A-Studio Day Spa and Laser Center**, 10 Main Street, East Hampton. There is a long list of February specials fit for everyone on your list. The Day of Beauty Special is on the menu as well as the Romantic Couples Massage. Call 631-324-6996 for information and a price list.

If you haven't been to **Romany Kramoris Gallery**, 66 Main Street, Sag Harbor, do stop in and check out all the great gift ideas for everyone on your sweet Valentine's Day list. This shop is not only a gallery, it is filled to the rafters with unique items and merchandise to fit anyone's budget.

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This column is dedicated to my best friend, the late Blaise Puzio of Sag Harbor. He left us on January 21 after a brief illness. He is missed by all who knew and loved him.

Until next week, Ciao and happy Valentine's Day shopping.

If you have any questions, or your shop is having sales, new inventory or re-opening for the upcoming spring season, my readers want to hear about it. E-mail me at Shoptil@danspapers.com and I will be happy to get the word out!

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CAMPS AND WINTER WORKSHOPS

THE PARRISH ART MUSEUM – 3-day art workshops in mixed media during the Feb. 21-25 winter vacation. Workshops for toddlers (2 & 3 years old accompanied by parent); ages 3 & 4 accompanied by parent; 5-7 year olds (please pack lunch); and 8 & up. Space is still available but limited. 631-283-2118 ext. 30 or parrishart.org.

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Mid-Winter Break Camp – Ages 5 and up. Feb. 22–25, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10

ME & MOMMY TIME – 9:15-10 a.m. or 3-3:45 p.m., Atlantis Marine World, 431 East Main St., RVHD. Hands-on activities, stories, songs, crafts and live animal encounters. Includes all-day aquarium admission. Members: $40.00/series, Non-Members: $60.00/series (includes admission for one adult/one child). Register at 631-208-9200, ext. H2O (426), or in person at Atlantis Marine World, or at reservations@amwny.com. $60.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11

ART STARTS – 10 a.m., Reg. req'd., Westhampton Free Library, 7 Library Ave., WHB. Also Feb 18. For children ages 3-5 years with a parent or caregiver. Dress for mess., whamlib@suffolk.lib.ny.us, 631 288-3335, westhamptonfreelibrary.org

PIXIE PLAY AT THE QUOGUE LIBRARY - 10:30 - 11:30 a.m., Quogue Library, 90 Quogue St., Q. Songs, Rhymes, Stories and Play for children ages 1 - 3 1/2 years old, quoguelibrary@gmail.com, 631-653-4224, quoguelibrary.org.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12

VALENTINE-MAKING CLASS – 10 a.m. for Ages 6-9, Guild Hall, 158 Main St., EH. 631-324-0806 ext 19 or GuildHall.org $5 Non Members; $3 Members

VALENTINES PROGRAM AT CMEE – 10 a.m. and 11 a.m., Children's Museum of the East End, 376 BH/SGH Turnpike, BH. Kids create their own red and pink streamer-covered piñata (transformed from a plain paper bag), which they can then fill with Valentine treats. Reg. req'd. Members: $5 / Non-Members: $17, which includes admission, 631-537-8250 to reserve your space or visit cmee.org.

HAYGROUND SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE – 10 a.m., 151 Mitchell's Ln., BH. RSVP 631-537-7068, hayground.org.

HERTZBERG - ANIMALS IN WINTER – 11 a.m. and 3 p.m., live show, Goat on a Boat Puppet Theatre, 4 East Union St., SGH. goatonaboat.org. 631-725-4193. $10, $9 grandparents and members, $5 children under 3.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13

VALENTINES PROGRAM AT CMEE –11 a.m., Children's Museum of the East End, 376 BH/SGH Turnpike, BH. Cupcake making and decorating workshop. Reg. req'd. Members: $5 / Non-Members: $17, which includes admission, 631-537-8250 to reserve your space or visit cmee.org.

PENGUIN ENCOUNTER – 11 a.m., Atlantis Marine World, 431 E. Main St., RVHD. A close-up encounter with an African Penguin. General aquarium admission required and cost is separate. A paying adult must accompany children under 12. Children under 5 are not permitted, reservations@amwny.com 631-208-9200, atlantismarineworld.com. $50

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Valentines Day: Talking Chocolate!

By Marianna Scandole

Valentine's Day is lurking around the corner, it's hard not to get swept up in all the hype when the gifts are so sweet. Yes, we're talking chocolate!

We all want an amazing body, impeccable health and to enjoy indulgences, but how? Behold, there is a way to have your cake and eat it too, or in this case... chocolate.

Dark chocolate has numerous health benefits. Ironically most relate to the worldwide symbol representing Valentine's Day, the heart.

Flavonoids are healthy naturally-occurring compounds in plant-based foods. Flavonols are a kind of flavonoid specifically found in chocolate and cocoa. Processing chocolate removes the flavonols and their health benefits. When choosing a chocolate opt for the darkest of the dark and the least processed with minimal ingredients. My rule is if you can't pronounce it then chances are it isn't good for you.

Unfortunately, white chocolate, contrary to popular belief, is not really chocolate at all and does not possess any flavonoids or health benefits. Cocoa beans contain flavonoids. Other foods such as cranberries, apples, onions, peanuts, tea and red wine also contain flavonoids. Amazingly, specific kinds of chocolate possess more antioxidants than these other foods and beverages.

A study in the Annals of Internal Medicine states that plain dark chocolate is 43% cocoa, milk chocolate is 30% cocoa, and the average candy bar is a mere 15% of cocoa. It makes you wonder what else is actually in your favorite chocolate bar.

According to several sources, including HealthMad.com, the Harvard Health Letter, Dr. Robin Miller from Dr. Oz, and the Dole Nutrition Institute, flavonoid-rich dark chocolate helps to reduce blood pressure, clotting, stroke, heart attack, hardening of the arteries, tooth decay and anxiety. It also helps to release endorphins that make us feel happy, increases levels of serotonin that make us feel relaxed, increases blood flow, energy, alertness, clarity of thought and antioxidants which prevent the harmful effects of aging and the environment. Plus, it tastes great! What's not to love?!

Dr. Michael T. Murray says that studies have shown that about one ounce of semisweet chocolate has similar effects as a baby aspirin in helping prevent blood clotting. Similarly a study done at Yale University determined that women who snacked on chocolate more than three times a week during pregnancy had a 50% less chance of serious pregnancy complications such as pre-eclampsia.

Lindsay Fernandes, an associate at Lindt Chocolatier at the Tanger Outlets, excitedly confirmed my findings about chocolate's health effects. "Seventy percent or darker has the most antioxidants that are healthy for you. People buy our 70% dark chocolate bars in bulk. They eat one square a day and it lasts them forever."

Be advised though, according to UAB Medicine, much more research is needed to fully determine the health benefits of chocolate and portion sizes needed to obtain the optimal effects. However, replacing a plate of cupcakes, cookies or other sugary treats with a bit of dark chocolate is a much healthier alternative.

This Valentine's Day make sure to show your love for one another. Treat your hearts, wallets and taste buds to a little peace of mind with some decadent dark chocolate.

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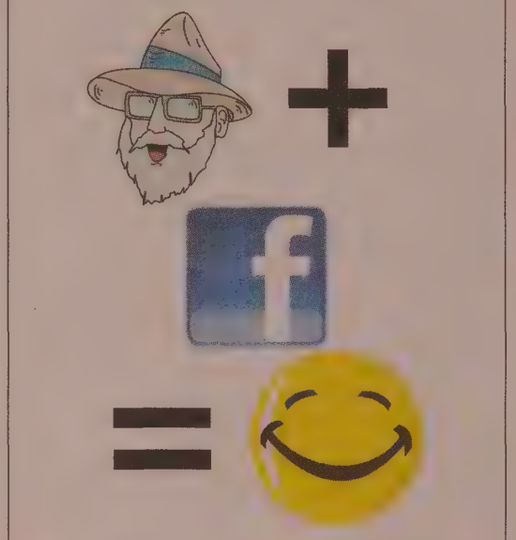

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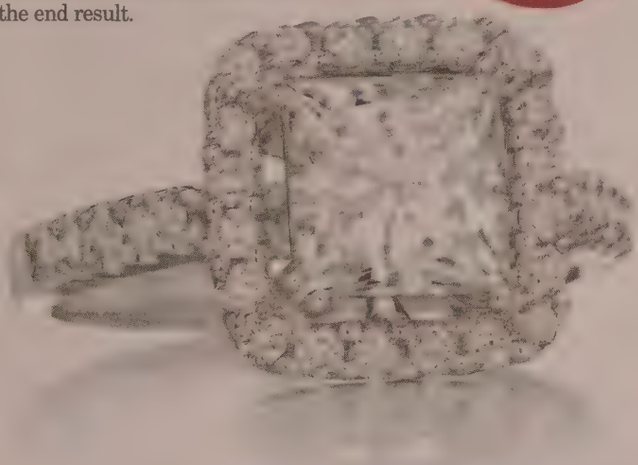

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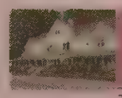

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

ART COMMENTARY

by Marion W. Weiss

The Art Scene 2010: Far From The Hamptons Part 3: San Diego, California

December was the time to head for a sunny climate, anticipating the snow surely headed our way in the new year. Besides, what better place to check out the art than in balmy San Diego, California? (Last year this critic did the same in Florida, although it was unpredictably cooler than expected.)

San Diego's art scene is unlike what we have in the Hamptons, which is predictable, to say the least. Geography is a primary difference where art venues are spread out throughout a number of neighborhoods. What are particularly unique are the alternate spaces which contribute to a vibrant and colorful community.

A good example is Bar Basic, a large downtown gallery and restaurant with music by a disc jockey thrown into the mix. Simply put, it's a big party every Tuesday with complimentary pizza, yet the focus is the art spread out on tables or hung on walls. While the atmosphere is casual, it is also serious, with emerging artists sharing space with more established ones. Abstract work by True Delorenzo and Jacki Geary particularly caught our eye.

Thumbprint Gallery, situated in the North Park area, is a good example of the small establishments scattered in various indigenous neighborhoods. Owner Johnny Tran (who also curates the displays at Bar Basic) has a penchant for surrealism, fantasy and street art by artists like Franky Agostino and Jimmy Ovadia. Agostina's pieces recall images from graphic novels, somewhat similar to art by East Hampton's Jim Gingerich; Ovadia's butterfly creation represents the big and bold configurations typical of his endeavors. Obviously, these styles are not typical of the East End. Call it a specialty of Southern California.

The Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (MCASD) signifies the more established art venue: two buildings located in a very modern downtown setting, complete with skyscrapers, plazas and lots of glass. The winter exhibit was not traditional, however, keeping with the Museum's emphasis on contemporary works.

The main show featuring urban landscape (street art) from 20 international artists was noteworthy with portraits by Shepard Fairey and various examples of graffiti. Yet Richard Serra's permanent box-like shapes outside the Museum were small and not especially effective. However, another Museum exhibit across the street was sparse and striking, the works focusing on conceptual installations where objects were celebrated.

Public art also seems to be alive in San Diego, with pieces by artists showing at MCASD spread all over town: noteworthy is Shepard Fairey's art in a Hillcrest neighborhood's parking lot. Unconnected

Work by Jimmy Ovadia

to the Museum exhibit, there's also a huge mural of sea life near Little Italy as well as smaller murals here and there, being discovered by pedestrians.

If we were to consider architectural sites as public art, there are a lot of examples of diverse styles, including the Gaslamp Quarter. Here Victorian-era buildings mixed with idiosyncratic saltbox homes rule the roost in this former red-light district established during the mid-1800s. Other neighborhoods have their own eclectic styles where contemporary residences blend easily with Tudor and Spanish designs.

To say that San Diego is a city of diversity is an understatement; its art reaches out to that diversity, giving respect to varied designs, alternate spaces and emerging talents.

The following are contact numbers for the art spaces mentioned: Bar Basic 619-531-8869; Thumbprint Gallery 858-354-6294; MCASD 858-454-3541.

Images of Hearts and Ashawagh Hall

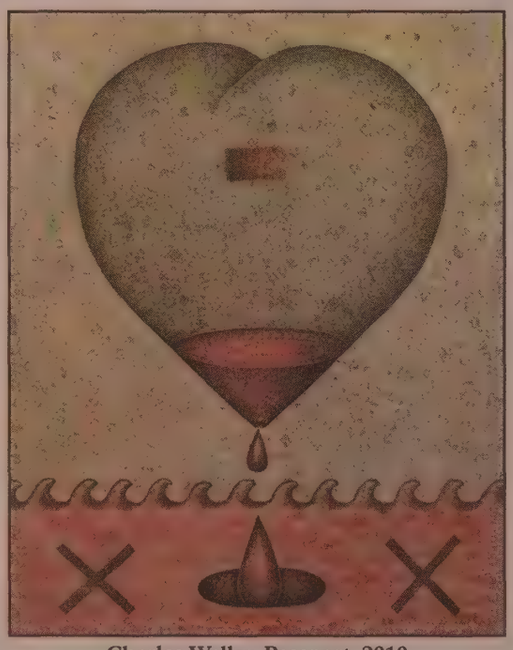
By Marion Wolberg Weiss

No doubt about it, Valentine's Day is a joyful holiday, going back as far as 270 A.D. If we tend to forget its origin, however, we are reminded that it was always associated with love and commitment, deriving from ancient Christian and Roman traditions (particularly when it was first a Roman fertility celebration). St. Valentine's connection was cemented when he performed secret marriages for soldiers who were not permitted to marry by Claudius II.

Certain traditions have continued through the ages, especially the use of hearts and celebrations of love as motifs in work by local visual artists. Jim Dine comes immediately to mind with his heart images. To him, hearts were not decoration but personal iconography. Or perhaps they were also examples of Pop Art, using common objects or even banal ones to make a statement, like in "L.A. Eye Works." Known sometimes as a Neo-Dadaist, Dine could be making fun of hearts as well in "Stands For This Sovereign Life," where a single heart is juxtaposed with a skeleton head. Dine's sculpture "Two Big Black Hearts" at the Massachusett's DeCordova Museum also considers the sculptural shape of hearts, recalling this critic's experience in Prague seeing two small hearts painted above an archway.

Charles Waller's "Eau de Vie" may be making a Dadaist statement, too. His heart looks like a hot air balloon ready to take off. Is he saying that romance (the heart) is just "hot air?" Or is he saying that love is doomed to disappear into thin air? If so, his image is playful, creative and certainly more than meets the eye.

We wonder what kind of Valentine heart artist Joel Zucker will be making this year for his wife; he



Charles Waller, Passport, 2010

creates a unique one each holiday to celebrate a special event.

However, other artists celebrate traditions of love without the heart. Consider the forthcoming exhibit "Love and Passion" at Ashawagh Hall in Springs, organized by Karyn Mannix Contemporary. Included will be photography by Bill Kiriazis; the juxtaposition of a Greek female torso with an old family photo of a woman. The idealization of the female seems to be a relevant message expressing love; the importance of family is a particularly potent theme for Kiriazis.

Doug Reina conveys love with a couple dancing in close-up, the red and black colors connoting passion. Conversely, Rick Gold's dancing couple seems less intimate, the long shot evoking a sense of isolation. The expressionistic style (high contrast between black and white) delineates danger in their meeting but perhaps more excitement, too.

Two other works are more playful. One is by Karyn Mannix, a box-like configuration that is a bit "naughty" with its suggestive words and text, done in the traditional color red. Sophie Harrison's abstract piece is also predicated on words like passion, sex and love bites. At second glance, the work resembles a box of candy with suggestive kinds of sweets.

"Love and Passion" will be showing at Ashawagh Hall in Springs on Feb. 12 (Reception: 5-8 p.m.) and Feb. 13 (10 a.m.-4 p.m.). During the reception, there will be music plus performances by Kate Mueth and various poets.

Honoring the Artist

This week's cover is by the East Hampton artist Michael Knigin, who died on January 19. The title is "Montauk Waves XXXV." Marion Wolberg Weiss wrote a lovely tribute to Michael in the February 4 issue of *Dan's Papers*. It can be read online at danshamptons.com.

ART OPENINGS & GALLERIES

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OPENINGS AND EVENTS

OPENING RECEPTION – 2/12, 5-8 p.m., Karyn Mannix presents Love & Passion @ Ashawagh Hall, a multi-media celebration of Valentine's Day weekend featuring poetry, performance, art and music. Ashawagh Hall, corner Springs Fireplace Rd. and Old Stone Hwy, SPG. 2/13, 11 a.m., Open Poetry Call. Open call for art submissions. Exhibit on view 2/12 and 2/13, noon - 5 p.m. karynmannixcontemporary.com; 516-318-0000.

GALLERY TALK – 2/12, 2 p.m. with Arlene Bujese, Southampton Cultural Center's Levitas Center for the Arts, 25 Pond Ln., SH. Second Annual Black History Month Celebration, "Visual Heritage II." 631-287-4377. scc-arts.org. Free.

OPENING RECEPTION – 2/12, 5-7:30 p.m., Eric Firestone Gallery, 4 Newtown Ln., EH. "Winter Works," featuring painters Jorge Fick and Douglas Denniston, sculptors Thomas Morin, Eduardo Chavez, Paul Harris and MARE 139, and mid-century jewelry by Rolph Scarlett. Also groundbreaking underground artists and vintage photographs. 631-604-2386. Ericfirestonegallery.com

GALLERIES

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CELADON CLAY ART - 41 Old Mill Rd., WM. 631-726-2547.

CHRYSALIS - 2 Main St., SH. Thurs.-Mon., 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. 631-287-1883.

THE CRAZY MONKEY - 136 Main St., AMG. "Global Bodies," new sculptural works by Setha Low, through 2/27. Open Friday through Sunday, 11 am to 5 pm, or by appointment. 631-267-3627, thecrazymonkeygallery.com

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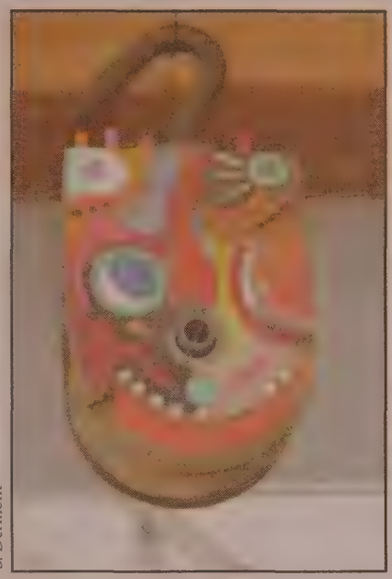

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GUILD HALL – "Main Street, East Hampton" "Annual Student Art Festival: Part I Grades K-8" on view through 2/27. Also "Main Street, East Hampton." Fri. & Sat., 11 a.m.- 5 p.m. Sun., noon-5 p.m. 158 Main St., EH. 631-324-4050. guildhall.org

HAMBURG KENNEDY - 64 Jobs Ln., SH. 11 a.m.-8 p.m., Wed.-Sun. hamburgkennedy.com

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LEIBER MUSEUM - 446 Old Stone Hwy, SPG. 631-329-3288. leibermuseum.org

LUCILLE KHORNAK - 2400 Montauk Hwy, BH.

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PARRISH ART MUSEUM - 25 Jobs Ln., SH. "Esteban Vincente, Works on Paper." Mon., Thurs., Fri., Sat., 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun., 1-5 p.m. 631-283-2118. parrishartmuseum.com

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SOLAR - 44 Davids Ln., EH. 631-907-8422. artsolar.com

SOUTHAMPTON HISTORICAL MUSEUM – Rogers Mansion, 17 Meetinghouse Ln., SH. Tues.-Sat., 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., Ernesto F. Costa, Shinnecock Hills Painter. 631-283-2494. Southamptonhistoricalmuseum.org.

SURFACE - 845 Springs-Fireplace Rd., EH. 631-291-9061. surfacelibrary.com

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TULLA BOOTH - 66 Main St., SGH. "Gallery Gems 2" extended to 2/27. Open Thurs.-Mon. 12:30-7 p.m. 631-725-3100. tullaboothgallery.com

VERED - 68 Park Pl., EH. Annual Winter Group Exhibition on display until February 21. Featuring photographer Gideon Lewin, studio manager for Richard Avedon. Also drawings, paintings and photographs by Avery, Bluhm, Dash, de Kooning, Fischl, Kahn, Klein, Picasso, Pollock, Rivers, Slonem, Warhol and many others. 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Sun.-Thurs., 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Fri., 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Sat. 631-324-3303. veredart.com

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MOVIES

Schedule for the week of Friday, February 11 to Thursday, February 17.
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HAMPTON ARTS (WESTHAMPTON BEACH) (+)
Please call for show times (631-288-2600).

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Please call for show times (631-725-0010).
Rabbit Hole (PG13) - Fri, Sat, Sun, 2:15, 6:00; Mon, Thurs, 5:00
The Black Swan (R) - Fri, Sat, Sun, 4:00, 8:00; Mon, Thurs, 7:00

UA EAST HAMPTON (+)
Please call for show times (631-324-0448).
Just Go With It (PG-13)
Justin Bieber: Never Say Never (G-3D)
Gnomio & Juliet (G)
The Green Hornet 3D (PG-13)
The King's Speech (R)
The Fighter (R)

UA HAMPTON BAYS (+)
Please call for show times (631-728-8535).

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Please call for show times (631-287-2774).
True Grit (PG-13) - Fri, 4:15, 7:15, 9:50; Sat, 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 9:50; Sun 1:15, 4:15, 7:15; Mon-Thurs, 4:15, 7:15
The King's Speech (R) - Fri, 4:00, 7:00, 9:45, Sat, 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:45; Sun, 1:00, 4:00, 7:00; Mon-Thurs, 4:00, 7:00
The Roommate (PG-13) - Fri, 4:45, 7:40, 10:00; Sat, 1:45, 4:45, 7:40, 10:00; Sun, 1:45, 4:45, 7:40; Mon-Thurs, 4:45, 7:40
The Eagle (PG-13) - Fri, 4:30, 7:30, 10:10, Sat, 1:10, 4:30, 7:30, 10:10; Sun, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30; Mon-Thurs, 4:30, 7:30

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Just Go With It (PG-13)
Sanctum (R)
Justin Bieber: Never Say Never (G-3D)
The King's Speech (R)
Gnomeo and Juliet (G)
The Fighter (R)
The Eagle (PG-13)

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Food & Dining

SIMPLE ART OF COOKING

by Silvia Lehrer

Mention "February 14" in the middle of July – or any other time of the year – and the date is eternally synonymous with Valentine's Day, a day for romantics. At least I would like to think so. Yet I recently overheard this cynical remark from a youngish, attractive woman: "I don't think most men reflect on Valentine's Day, only if they have a mistress or girlfriend." Not so! I do believe that the day has significance, and even the least romantic of the bunch will give it a nod. Valentine's Day is not necessarily a day of excesses – flowers and/or something chocolate say it very nicely.

To satisfy your chocolate cravings you might like to celebrate with a cold chocolate soufflé. What I love about this recipe is that it can be prepared several days ahead for your valentine. The softened unflavored gelatin binds the chocolaty mousse-like textured soufflé. And the fresh ground coffee bean garnish gives it a nice bit of crunch.

What is it about cupcakes? They seem to be taking over the dessert arena. I found this decadently delicious recipe for Devil's Food cupcakes in my chocolate file and I don't have the foggiest idea where to credit it! If it's from a friend or colleague, please accept my deep thanks. Enjoy either dessert, or both, with your valentine.

COLD CHOCOLATE SOUFFLÉ

Serves 8-10

4 ounces imported semi-sweet chocolate
1/2 cup confectioners' sugar
1 envelope unflavored gelatin
3 tablespoons cold water
1 cup milk
Pinch salt
1 tablespoon vanilla extract
2 tablespoons Grand Marnier
1 1/2 cups heavy cream, softly whipped
Finely ground fresh coffee beans for garnish, optional

1. Melt chocolate in a heavy saucepan over very low heat, stirring occasionally, or place in a small heatproof dish and melt in a 250° oven, about 10 to 12 minutes. When texture appears to be soft, stir to a smooth cream. Remove from heat, and with a wooden spoon, stir confectioners' sugar into melted chocolate as well as possible. As you stir lumpy particles of chocolate will develop but will dissolve later, with the addition of hot milk.

2. Sprinkle gelatin over cold water in a Pyrex measure. Let stand until gelatin has absorbed liquid, about 3 to 5 minutes. Do not stir.

3. Scald milk in a separate saucepan until a film covers the surface; do not allow to boil. Pour hot milk into chocolate mixture and simmer over low heat, about 3 to 4 minutes, stirring constantly to dissolve any lumpy bits of chocolate. Remove from heat and stir in the softened gelatin until thoroughly incorporated. Add salt and vanilla extract and stir to mix. Transfer to a mixing bowl and let cool. Put into refrigerator and chill 20 to 30 minutes, or until mixture begins to gel around sides of bowl. Add Grand Marnier and whisk until light and airy.

4. With a rubber spatula, fold whipped cream into chocolate until thoroughly incorporated. Pour into prepared soufflé dish and chill 3 to 4 four hours or overnight.

5. To serve: Sprinkle the soufflé with finely ground coffee beans, if desired. Serve directly from the soufflé dish.

Adapted from Silvia Lehrer's *Cooking at Cooktique*, Doubleday.

DEVIL'S FOOD CUPCAKES

With cupcakes all the rage, this recipe makes a delicious Valentine treat.

Yield 36 cupcakes

For the cupcakes

3 ounces good quality unsweetened chocolate
1 cup (2 sticks) unsalted butter at room temp
2 1/4 cups (packed) dark brown sugar
3 eggs
2 1/4 cups cake flour
2 teaspoons baking soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup buttermilk
2 teaspoons vanilla extract
1 cup boiling water

For the icing

12 ounces (12 squares) semisweet chocolate
2/3 cup heavy cream

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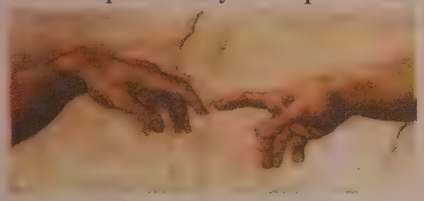

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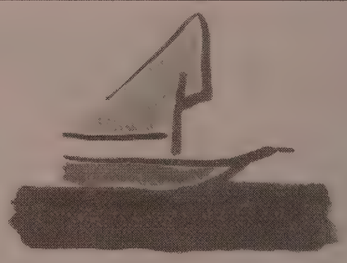

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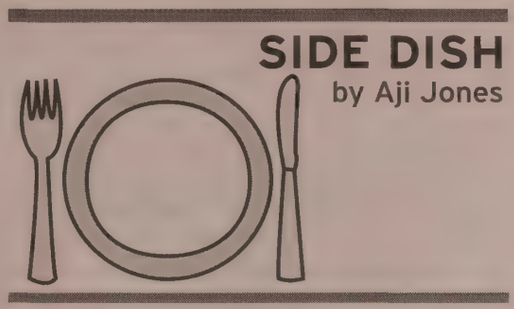
2 tablespoons sugar
3 tablespoons butter

Pre-heat the oven to 375˚. Place paper baking cups in 12-cup muffin pans.

1. Place the chocolate in a small heavy saucepan and melt over low heat, stirring constantly. Remove the pan from the heat and set aside.
2. Cream the butter and brown sugar together in the bowl of an electric mixer. With the mixer on low speed, add the eggs one at a time, beating well after each addition. Stir in the melted chocolate.
3. Combine the flour, baking soda and salt. Alternating between the two, add the flour mixture and buttermilk to the chocolate mixture in three stages, ending with the flour. Then slowly stir in 1 cup of boiling water and the vanilla.
4. Pour the batter 3/4 full into the baking cups. Place in the oven and bake until a toothpick inserted into the center of a cupcake comes out clean, about 15 minutes.
5. Remove the pans from the oven, and let the cupcakes cool completely.
6. For the icing, place all the ingredients into a small, heavy saucepan over low heat. Cook, stirring occasionally, until the chocolate is almost melted.
7. Remove from heat. Continue to stir until the chocolate is completely melted. Transfer to a wide shallow bowl. Let stand, stirring occasionally, until icing reaches room temperature.
8. Hold cupcakes upside down and dip the tops into the icing. Twirl slightly and then hold upside down for a few seconds for excess to drip off. After dipping them all, dip each one a second time.

Note: To make buttermilk, put 1 1/2 teaspoons of lemon juice in a measuring cup and add milk to the half-cup line.



Giorgio's in Baiting Hollow will host its annual Valentine's Dinner Dance on Saturday, February 12 from 7 to 11 p.m. The evening includes four courses, four hours of premium open bar, dancing and DJ for $62.95 per person, plus tax and gratuity. The menu features: California poached pear lover's salad, Chateaubriand accompanied with marinated broiled shrimp, and Cupid's crème brulee delight. 631-727-6076.

Scrimshaw Restaurant in Greenport will offer a special three-course prix fixe dinner for Valentine's Day weekend. The cost is $36, plus tax and tip. Offerings include: crepe cake of seafood, cream of pea soup, puff pastry of salmon Napoleon with white wine cream sauce, beef Stroganoff, and couer a la crème. 631-477-8882.

Pierre's in Bridgehampton will also serve a Valentine's prix fixe for $55 on February 14. Items include: Red Hot Lover with lobster salad, celery root remoulade, chestnuts, apple and tarragon; Steaming Duo of sea bass with cockles, chorizo and piquillo peppers; and Melting Heart, a mystery sabayon with raspberry coulis. 631-537-5110.

Jamesport Manor Inn in Jamesport introduces a new winter $35 three-course dinner prix fixe. The special is available Sunday, Wednesday and Thursday, (the restaurant is closed Monday and Tuesday). Offerings include: wild mushroom toast with whipped goat cheese and chive vinaigrette; goat cheese pan-roasted organic chicken with maple acorn squash puree; and profiteroles with dolce de leche and chocolate sauce. 631-722-0500.

The Living Room Restaurant c/o The Maidstone in East Hampton offers a daily prix fixe dinner beginning at 5:30 p.m. The special includes three courses for $33 and offers: gravlax cured with lemon and dill, pickled cucumbers and Swedish grain mustard sauce; seared Atlantic salmon, local savoy cabbage, roasted beets and mustard dill sauce; and Semla profiteroles with elderberry flower frozen yogurt and warm chocolate cardamom sauce. 631-324-5006.

Indian Wells Tavern in Amagansett introduces new dishes for the winter season. The menu now includes: fresh warm baby spinach salad tossed with bacon dressing, chopped egg and goat cheese fritters ($10); Guinness marinated thick-cut pork chop, char-grilled with a side of applesauce, mashed potatoes and vegetables ($17); and fettuccine Bolognese with shaved Reggiano-Parmesan and garlic bread ($17). 631- 267-0400.

LT Burger in Sag Harbor offers a special package for Sag Harbor Cinema moviegoers, Sunday through Thursday from 11:45 a.m. to 10 p.m. Signature deluxe combos will be offered with a movie ticket at discounted prices. Specials are: classic burger, fries, soda and a movie ticket ($20); classic burger, fries, milkshake and a movie ticket ($22); and classic burger, fries, draft beer and a movie ticket ($23). 631-899-4646.

Blackwells Restaurant in Wading River offers lunch specials for $9.95 and $13.95 starting at 11 a.m. Specials include a half-sandwich and cup of soup or a whole sandwich and cup of soup. Choices include: turkey, lettuce and tomato; grilled cheese and bacon; and roast beef with American cheese. 631-929-1800.

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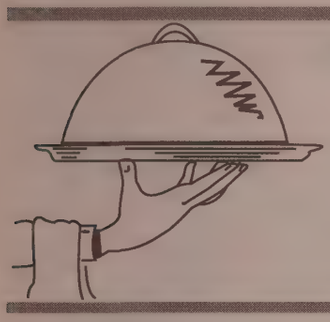

DINING OUT

75 MAIN RESTAURANT AND LOUNGE - Open daily for lunch 10:30 - 4:30 and dinner 4:30 - 10:30. Daily specials. Happy Hour 5 to 7 p.m. Fri.; Havanna Night, Sat., live band or DJ. Three-Course Prix Fixe $25.95 Sun. - Thurs. 75main.com. 75 Main Street Southampton 631-283-7575.

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Toys, Toys, Toys February 18 in East Hampton

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BENEFITS

ARF THRIFT STORE 50% OFF SALE – Mon.-Sat. 10-4, Sun. 12-4 through Feb. 28. ARF Pop Up Shop, 368 Montauk Hwy., WS. Arfhamptons.org. 631-537-3682.

SPAY DAY 2011 – Feb. 24-26, Free/Low Cost Spay/Neuter Clinic, ARF, 90 Daniel's Hole Rd., WS. Call to qualify 631-537-0400 ext. 207. Free microchipping for all cats. Arfhamptons.org.

BLOOD DRIVE - Thursday, Feb. 24, 7 a.m. - 5:45 p.m., Southampton Hospital's Third Floor Teaching Center. Anyone between the ages of 17 and 76, in good health, and weighing more than 110 pounds can donate. Bring photo ID and Social Security number. Walk-ins are welcome, appointments available. Successful donors will receive a $5 cafeteria voucher. 631-726-8336.

SOUTHAMPTON COAT DRIVE – Drop off men's winter coats at Southampton Tire on Main St., SH, across from 7-Eleven.

CLOTHING DRIVE FOR WORKERS IN EAST HAMPTON – What are needed are jackets (not full-length coats, too hard to work in) sweaters, sweatshirts, knit hats or earmuffs and, most especially, GLOVES. Call 917-224-7098 to arrange pickup,

FARMERS MARKET

SAG HARBOR INDOOR WINTER FARMERS MARKET – Saturdays beginning Feb. 19, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. 34 Bay St., SGH.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10

INDIE TEEN CONCERT – 6:30-8:30 p.m., featuring local talent Human Error and The Etertainment. Vail-Leavitt Music Hal, 18 Peconic Ave., Riverhead. Presented by the East end Arts Council. $6 at the door. Eeac.org.

THE JAM SESSION – Featuring Morris Goldberg, 7 to 9 p.m., Bay Street Theatre, 1 Bay St., SGH. Baystreet.org. 631-725-0818. Free.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11

CANDLELIGHT FRIDAY – 5-8 p.m. Wolffer Wine Tasting Room, SGK. Featuring live music by Alfredo Merat and trio, Radio Europa. No cover charge, wines by the glass, cheese and charcuterie plates. Wolffer.com. 631-537-5106

THE EAST END TRIO LIVE AT THE PATIO – 54 Main St., WHB, call for reservations and details, 631-288-0100.

TOUCHE - 7 p.m., Levitas Center for the Arts, 25 Pond Ln., SH, a live musical journey through the history of jazz. $15/ students under 21 $10, 631-287-4377, scc-arts.org

VALENTINES DANCE WITH NEW LIFE CRISIS – 7 p.m. 230 Elm, 230 Elm St., SH. Reservations at bit.ly/nlc-valentine, $25. 631-377-3900. $30 at the door.

FINEST IN WORLD CINEMA – *White Material* - 7:30 p.m. Westhampton Beach Performing Arts Center, 76 Main St., WHB. 631-288-1500, also tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Feb. 13 at 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. whbpac.org. $3-$10.

NEW GLOBAL CINEMA – 7:30 p.m. *Burma VJ: Reporting from a Closed Country*, Parrish Art Museum, 25 Job's Ln., SH. $5/$7. Parrishart.org.

THE PICTURE SHOW AT BAY STREET THEATRE – 8 p.m. Diana Ross in *Lady Sings the Blues,* $5 at the door. For the $25 "Dinner and a Movie" prix fixe dinner package, call The American Hotel at 631-725-3535. Bay St. Theatre, 1 Bay St., SGH. Baystreet.org.

HAMPTONS SINGER SONGWRITERS – 8 p.m. Guild Hall, 158 Main St., EH. $18/$20, 631-324-0806, guildhall.org.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12

SOUTHAMPTON TRAILS PRESERVATION SOCIETY HIKE – 10 a.m. Meet at Mashashimuet Park, SGH. Bob Wolfram, 631-848-2255. southamptontrails.org. Free.

SOUTHAMPTON TRAILS PRESERVATION SOCIETY HORSEBACK RIDE – 11 a.m. Meet at Merchants Path and Wainscott Harbor Rd., SGK. BYO horse & helmet, Barbara Bornstein 631-537-6188. southamptontrails.org. Free.

GOT MARROW NY? –11 a.m. - 4 p.m., East Quogue Fire Station, 465 Montauk Hwy., E. Q. Help to save lives by matching your marrow to those in need. You can even test yourself at home, check out gotmarrowny.org. Specifically seeking matches for our local friends Tommy Corrigan and Matthew Curran.

MET LIVE – NIXON IN CHINA – 1 p.m. Guild Hall, 158 Main St., EH. $15/$20/$22. guildhall.org. 1-866-811-4111.

PECONIC BAY POWER SQUADRON – 1-3 p.m., West Marine, 1089 Old Country Rd, Riverhead. Learn how to recognize buoys and beacons, layout and measure a safe course, establish waypoints for your GPS. A United States Power Squadron University Seminar. Call Capt. Peter Young, 631-298-4326. $35 includes manual and quick guide.

CHAMPAGNE RECEPTION THRIFT STORE GRAND OPENING – 3-5 p.m., Southampton Animal Shelter Foundation's New Thrift Shop, 85 & 87 Job's Ln., SH. Home furnishings, designer clothing, artwork & more, 631-728-PETS, Thrift Shop 631-287-PETS, southamptonanimalshelter.org.

GREAT AMERICAN MUSIC AND WORD – 5:30 p.m. Bay Street Theatre, 1 Bay St., SGH. Baystreet.org. Free.

CLAUDIA BOSSE THEATERCOMBINAT - Vampires of the 21st Century or What is to be done then?, 6 p.m. Open Rehearsal. Res. Req'd. at theatrecombinat.eventbrite.com. The Watermill Center, 39 Watermill Towd Rd., WM. Watermillcenter.org.

WINTER CRYSTAL BALL – 8 p.m. – 11:45 p.m., 230 Elm, SH. Benefits African American Museum of the East End, music by Diversified Sounds, cocktails, appetizers and a 50/50 raffle, $30. Res. Req'd. 631-965-0721.

VALENTINE MOVIE & DANCE – 8 p.m. *Mahogany* (1975), dancing after film to D.J. Bay Street Theatre, 1 Bay St., SGH. Baystreet.org. $25 at the door.

VALENTINE'S DINNER & DANCING – 9 p.m. 75 Main, SH. Live music by Paul Mahos & New Life Crisis. 631-283-7575, 75main.com. $39.95 three-course prix fixe.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13

SOUTHAMPTON TRAILS PRESERVATION SOCIETY HIKE – 10 a.m. Northwest Path, meet at the kiosk on Rte. 114, EH. Chip Dineen, 631-221-8225. southamptontrails.org. Free.

QI GONG – noon, Unitarian Universalist Congregation of the South Fork meetinghouse, 977 Bridge/Sag Turnpike, BH. Tina Curran, 631-455-9635.

BALLET IN CINEMA - CALIGULA – 2 p.m., Parrish Art Museum, 25 Job's Lane, SH. $15/$12 members, 631-283-2118, parrishart.org.

22ND NATIONAL AFRICAN AMERICA READ-IN - 2:30 - 5:30 p.m. Canio's Books, Canio's Cultural Cafe & John Jermain Memorial Library host to celebrate the rich literary history of African American writers. Read a favorite passage of poetry, fiction, or non-fiction by an African American. Caniosbooks.com

STONY BROOK OPERA AND BAROQUE PLAYERS – 3 p.m. Southampton Cultural Center, 25 Pond Ln., SH. 631-287-4377, scc-arts.org.$20/students $10.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14 ST, VALENTINE'S DAY

JAZZ JAM AT THE PIZZA PLACE – 6-8 p.m. Montauk Hwy, BH, opposite Bridgehampton Commons. 631-537-7865. Free.

SARI KESSLER TRIO – Live jazz 6-9 p.m. World Pie, 2402 Main St., BH. No cover. 631-537-7999

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

SAG HARBOR COAT DRIVE – Drop off or pick up coats Tue. - Sat., 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Old Whalers Church, 44 Union St., SGH. sagharborcommunityfoodpantry.org.

WEEKLY LIFE DRAWING CLASS – 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Veterans Hall, 2 Pond Ln., SH. 631-725-5851.

CLASSIC MOVIE MATINEE - NOTORIOUS – 2 p.m., Guild Hall, 158 Main St., EH. Pick up tickets from Bookhampton, 41 Main St., free, comehometomainstreet.com.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16

BEAT THE WINTER BLAHS LUNCHEON – 1 p.m. League of Women Voters at OSO Restaurant, Southampton Inn, SH. Reserve by Feb. 12 at 631-324-1498, $25 includes tax and tip. Lwvhamptons.org.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17

DRUM CLINIC – 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Bay Street Theatre, 1 Bay St., SGH. Free.

THE JAM SESSION – 7 p.m. Bay Street Theatre, 1 Bay St., SGH. baystreet.org. Free.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18

TOYS, TOYS, TOYS! – 7 p.m. Clinton Academy, 101 Main St., EH. 631-324-6850. easthamptonhistory.org. Free, seating limited.

THE PICTURE SHOW AT BAY STREET THEATRE – 8 p.m. *A Patch of Blue,* $5 at the door. For the $25 "Dinner and a Movie" prix fixe dinner package, call The American Hotel at 631-725-3535. Bay St. Theatre, 1 Bay St., SGH. Baystreet.org.

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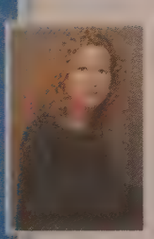

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LETTERS

DELIGHTED
Dear Dan,
I was delighted to read the story about you in the Sunday *New York Times*. You've certainly been having a wonderful career, and I've always admired your work.
My best wishes to you for continued health and productivity.
Sincerely yours,
Howard J. Rubenstein

What goes around comes around. – DR

GLAD THAT YOU ARE AT THE HELM AGAIN!
Dear Dan,
I just wanted to drop you a note of congratulations on your return to the helm of *Dan's Papers*. I know when we had lunch you discussed this possibility and it all seems to have worked out in your favor.
I also want to compliment you generally on the paper's business coverage and specifically articles on the bank and our involvement with the community. I noted in your comments the challenges of "community publishing." I believe this provides you and your organization a greater understanding of our challenges of running a "community bank."
Again, congratulations and best wishes on the next chapter of your career.
Kevin O'Connor
President and CEO
Bridgehampton National Bank
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BNB forever! – DR

THANK YOU DAN
Dear Dan,
I cannot thank you enough for printing my article about Ron and Freeda. Seeing the story in print brought my family joy and also some closure.
I so appreciated your consideration. Happy New Year! God Bless and take care.
Danielle

This story of a man and a feral cat was amazing. – DR

WOODSTOCK REDUX
Dear Dan,
The Concert on NF 2010 on Main Road was not promoted well in advance, but I would think several thousands will turn up with the right names in neon, so to speak.
My uncle, John Morris, one of the Woodstock Festival producers, way back when, announced this is "now a free concert!"
Do you recall?
Escrow that donation NOW!
Stay warm,
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Did not recall that. You have refreshed my memory. – DR

HOPPING HAMPTON HOUSE
Dear Dan,
I just wanted to state that I hope they don't lose the legacy of my ancestors owning and running a bed and breakfast from the Hampton House residence; my grandfather was born in that house in 1903, James B. Hopping. My family moved to this country in 1672, that's when John Hopping moved here from Devon, England and married Rebecca Hand Smith.
Thank you for listening.
Craig D Hopping
Eastport

I think they will do right by this. – DR

CHANCES ARE
Dear Dan,
On June 11, 2010, I wrote to this column regarding my feelings about the mistreatment of Danny Murray and the restaurant that would be missed by future generations if the changes at Poxabogue were to happen and he was not allowed to continue running his "joint" as you call it.
Fortunately for many of us nothing has happened since I wrote to you and now there is a chance of Danny's "Fairway Restaurant" returning as if it never left at all since "stoves, counters, tables and chairs are in storage."
Wouldn't it be great to be able to see all those familiar faces who are like family to many of us back at the restaurant serving up the great meals we all remember?
Once it's opened again with Danny at the helm, I'll take it upon myself to contact Guy Fieri and ask that he change his TV food network show from "Diners, Drive-ins and Dives" and add the word "Joint," as you so eloquently called the restaurant in your honor. Who knows, he may even come out to this quaint popular restaurant and do a broadcast?
I salute you for doing your article and going out on a limb even though you say it is against the rules. Your paper has expressed the feelings of so many and it's now time for the towns to right the wrong and correct their mistakes. It's never too late.
Here's hoping that they read *Dan's Papers* and make the right decision going forward.
Dan, you can pick a hole – breakfast or lunch, it's my treat.
Respectfully
Garry Shelley

How do I reach you? – DR

Send your letters to
askdan@danspapers.com
(e-mails only, please)

STELLA!
Dear David,
I enjoyed the January 21 issue of *the Dan's Papers'* Police Blotter, especially the "Stella Vassallo, Stella the Kid?"
I sang the entire letter.
Lorraine Dittko

That's my boy. – DR

TRÈS BON
Dear Stacy,
I saw the *Dan's Paper* review on DansHamptons online. Thanks for the effort that you put into it. I liked the numerous French references peppered throughout – especially "denude" at the very end! (That was a bit racy, I had to read it twice!) I liked your depictions of Dianne the Bostoner and Arie the Blur and I liked the way you accurately described the place – Aubusson-style rugs, gilded mouldings, etc.
Your photo of the Versailles room upstairs is better than the one we have!
I am glad you enjoyed your meal.
Needless to say, I am happy with the review and I am sure Dianne and Arie are as well (I forwarded it to them but have not spoken to them yet).
Best regards,
Tree Dilworth
Comtesse Therese
Aquebogue

I can't wait to travel to the "North Fork of France" again soon! – SD

POLICE BLOTTER

Sleeping
There were several instances in East Hampton of men sleeping in their cars while drunk. When officers approached the vehicles, they would find the men asleep in the drivers seat with the engine running. When they would wake the men, the men would be under the influence of alcohol and be arrested. It's illegal to sleep in your car if you are drinking folks. Call a cab or get a ride.

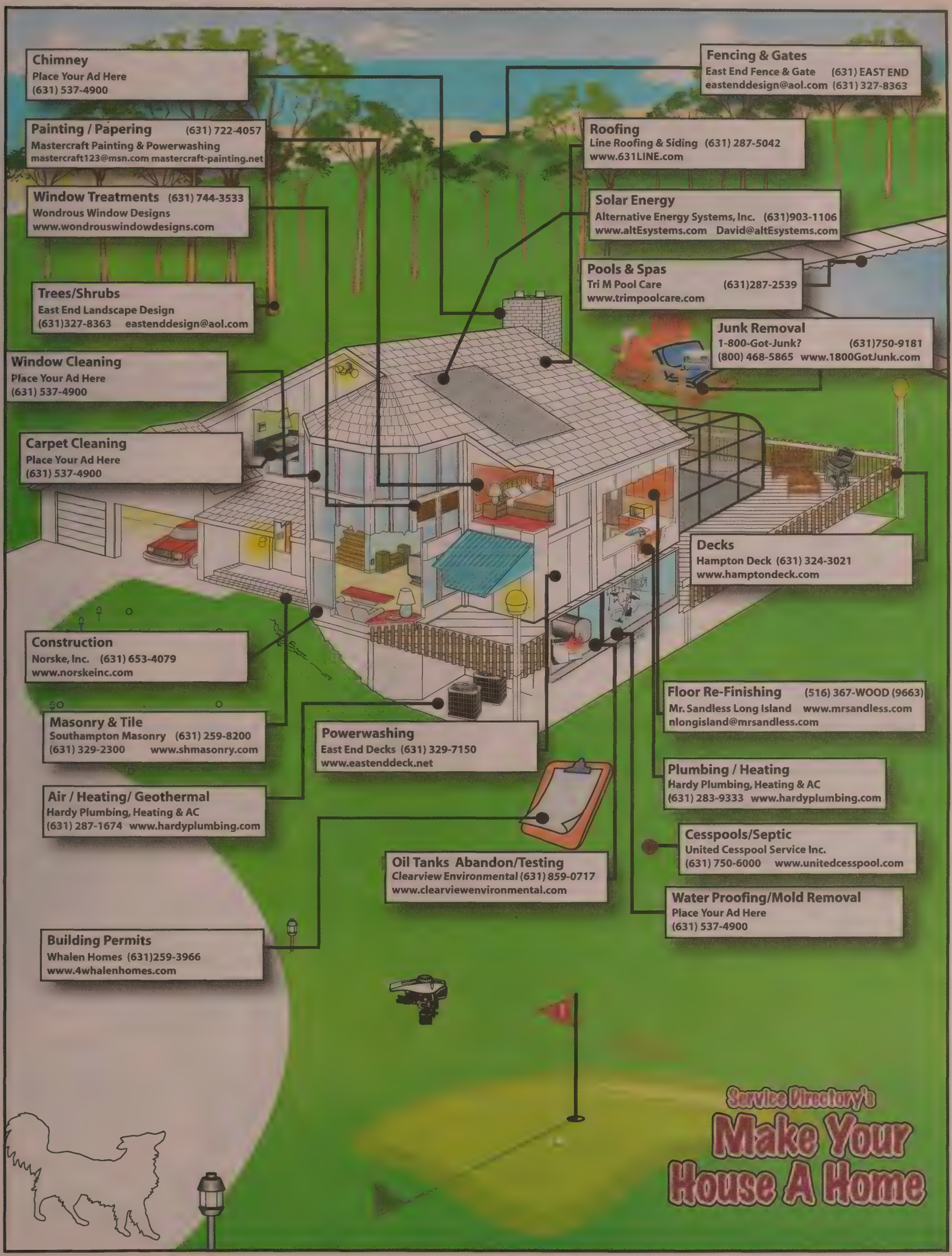
The Dirt Bike
A 17-year-old was arrested after police tracked him down in Southampton following a daylong investigation. It was reported that he was driving a motorcycle without a helmet and running from the police. The man was seen driving his dirt bike without a helmet at high speeds; when police approached him he fled into the woods. He was later caught and charged with numerous crimes, including driving an unlicensed vehicle and fleeing police officers.

Shelter Island
Old Man McGumbus looked out from his binoculars, through the south side of his attic window, on the third floor of his Shelter Island home. What he saw startled him. It appeared that across the great water border separating Shelter Island and Sag Harbor, something serious was happening. There were people outside, laughing and singing and, as far as he could tell, enjoying fireworks, although he couldn't be sure if WWIII had just broken out. McGumbus checked his calendar three separate times, "It's February, this doesn't make any sense!" And then, he saw through his binoculars, to his horror, grown men and women dressed in funny costumes and cheering on a group that was entertaining them with fire sticks. Dear God, hippies in February, HIPPIES IN FEBRUARY! Old Man McGumbus, locked and loaded his 357 Magnum and scrambled down into his living room, but not before tripping over his bearskin rug and nearly crashing through his life-sized statue of Ronald Reagan. "I must alert the others!" he cried, but he was overwhelmed. This had never happened to him before, not so close to his headquarters in Shelter Island, not in February. He was unprepared. "Think McGumbus…THINK!!!!" And then he passed out on the floor from exhaustion, only to be awakened by the cold, blind, silence and knowledge that hippies were near. I must make a complaint at the next town board meeting. I MUST!

Yikes
A man in Flanders was arrested after he flashed a female deli employee. That is all.

Nothing To See Here
A huge argument between a couple broke out at a Bridgehampton restaurant last week that included the throwing of wine into each other's faces. The couple was escorted out of the restaurant and no charges were filed, but it was quite the show.

– David Lion Rattiner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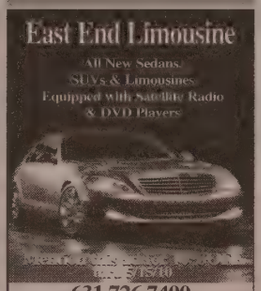

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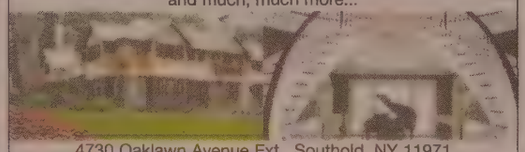

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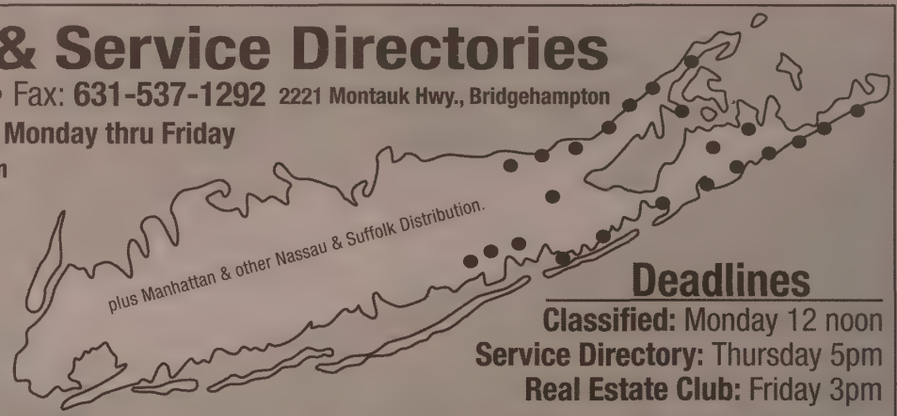

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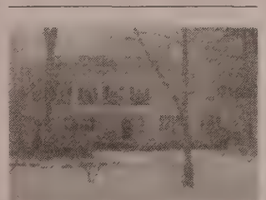

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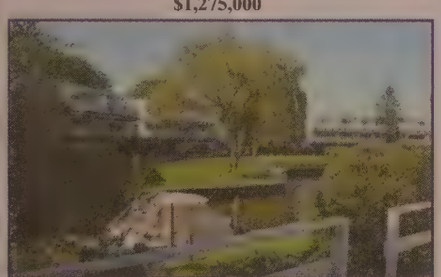

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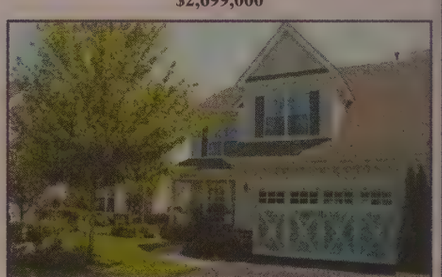

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